MetiLinx

User's Guide & Technical Reference

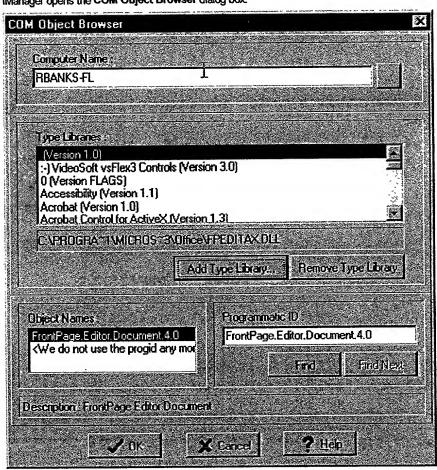
iManager Developer 2.2

Appendix

Adding a COM Object to the Object Repository

- 1. Select COM Objects in Object Repository> Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Add Object.

iManager opens the COM Object Browser dialog box.

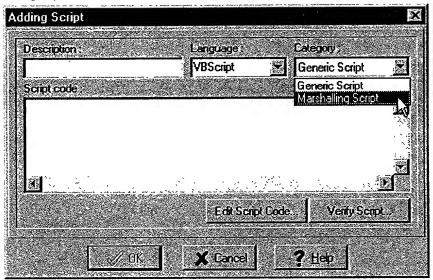


- Select an item from the Type Libraries box.
- Click Browse to find Type Libraries from another computer.
- 5. Click Add Type Library,
- Select a type library you want to remove and click Remove Type Library.
- 7. Select an object from Object Names.
- If the Type Library selected has numerous objects, you can easily search for a general object name by typing part of the object name in the Programmatic ID field and clicking Find and then Find Next until object is found.

Adding a Script to the Object Repository

- 1. Click Scripts located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Add Script.

iManager opens the Adding Script dialog box.



- 3. Type script name in the Description box.
- 4. Select the language of the script.
- 5. Select the script type in the Category box (Generic or Marshalling).
- 6. Type the script code directly in the box, or click Load Script Code button to download a selected script.
- 7. Click Verify Script to test your script for errors.
- 8. Click OK.

Additional Topics

Learn about the Script Editor

Adding Connections to a Host

iManager allows the administrator to add or assign connection objects that are listed in the Object Repository to the iManager system hosts. This process consists of two-steps:

- 1. Adding a connection object to the Object Repository (if one that you want to use does not already exist), and then
- 2. Adding or assigning the connection to a host.

This topic focuses on Step 2.

To add a connection to a host (easy drag-and-drop operation)

- 1. Expand the Hosts folder, and then expand the folder of the host you wish to add a connection to.
- Click Connections and drag the connection object in the right pane to the Connections folder of the host.

To add multiple connections to a host

- Expand the Hosts folder, and then expand the folder of the host you wish to add a connection to.
- 2. Right-click Connections, and then click Add Connection.
 - -or-
 - Click Connections, and then on the Action menu click Add Connection.
- 3. In the Add Connections to Host dialog box, select the desired connection Object Name check boxes or click Select All
- 4. Click Import selected to add the selected connections to the host.

Additional Topics:

Adding Connection Objects

Adding Users to a Host

To grant a user ID access to a user host connection object, the user ID must already exist in the Host Users folder.

To add a host user (easy drag-and-drop operation)

- 1. Expand the Hosts folder, and then expand the folder of the host you wish to add a user to.
- 2. Click Users and drag the user object in the right pane to the Host Users folder of the host.

To add multiple host users

- 1. Expand the Hosts folder, and then expand the folder of the host you wish to add a connection to.
- 2. Right-click Host Users, and then click Add Users to Host.
 - --Or--
 - Click Host Users, and then on the Action menu click Add Users to Host.
- 3. In the Select users for the host dialog box, select the desired host User ID check boxes or click Select All
- 4. Click Import selected to add the selected user IDs to the host.

Additional Topics:

Adding Users to iManager Security

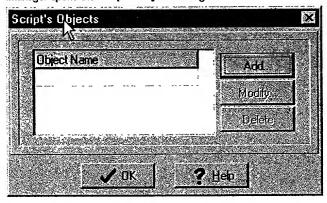
Adding Script Objects

Marshalling Scripts use script objects. In order to add a script object to a marshalling script, you must first add the object to the Object Repository. See Adding a Script to the Object Repository.

To add Objects to a Marshalling Script

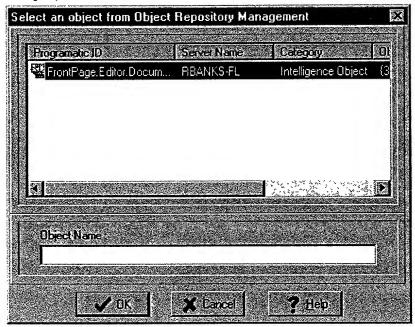
1. Select the script in Scripts, located under Business Rules Objects.

iManager opens the Script's Objects dialog box.



2. Click Add.

iManager opens the Select an object from the Object Repository Management dialog box.



- Select the object you want to add to the script and enter a metaname in the Object Name box. The Object Name is the name used in the script code referring to this object's instance.
- 4. Click OK.

Repeat the above steps for each additional object.

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Answer Messages

Message ID	Message Number	Description
imDone	\$00000000	Acknowledge message from the host meaning operation successfully completed.
ImError	\$2000000	Included in the reply message ID whenever errors are raised.
imOverflow	\$01010000	The information requested in a one-shot message did not fit into the message buffer.
imNoData	\$01020000	A data request returned no data.
imDBError	\$01040000	Error when trying to access a table or query.
imSQLError	\$01100000	The database provider returned an SQL-Error when trying to execute a query. Usually caused by syntax errors in the SQL statement.
imUnknownReport	\$01200000	Trying to execute a dataset related request without opening a dataset first.
imDataNotFound	\$02020000	imFind or imFindNext returned an empty page.
imDatasetOpen	\$02040000	Trying to open a new dataset before closing the current one.
imCommError	\$02080000	General communication error. Communication to the Host has been lost.
imParamError	\$02200000	Some of the parameters sent in the request are erroneous. (Example: a wrong page number for imGotoPage would generate this error message.)
imFileError	\$02400000	Requested file does not exist.
imFieldNotFound	\$02800000	Wrong fieldname for imFind or imFindNext.
imTransactionError	\$04010000	Transaction rules were violated.
imUnknownFile	\$04080000	Requested file not found.
ImLoginError	\$04200000	Login/password error at login time.
imReconnectionError	\$04400000	Unable to reconnect to the requested host.
imUnknownMessage	\$40000000	Message ID unknown.
imUnknownError	\$01111111	Error of unknown cause.
imLoginSourceError	\$04800000	Error connecting to an authentication source.
imDBAccessError	\$08000000	Unable to assign a dB connection for the user at login time.
imAdminDBError	\$04100000	Unable to connect to the admin database (i.e. when login)

Client Objects

MetiLinx technology provides two different objects to be used by client applications to establish connections to hosts: ioRemote and ioCOMRemote. Each of these objects has an API (application programming interface) defined to allow clients to interact with iManager hosts and transmit data to and from the database servers.

ioRemote

ioRemote is a dynamic link library (ioRemote.DLL) that implements a set of functions to open a connection to a host, send/receive data to/from the host, close the connection and perform miscellaneous tasks (like checking connection status). All functions can be called using the stdcall calling convention, so it can be used from applications written in Delphi, C++, Visual Basic or Java.

Along with functions, iManager Messages must be used to retrieve and update data on your n-tier application platform. These messages have been designed to allow the most flexibility, scalability and functionality. iManager Messages are further detailed in this section.

ioCOMRemote

This object is actually an active DLL containing the definition and implementation of MetiLinxClient, a COM-object implementing the client functionality. MetiLinxClient COM-interface is implemented using the iManager messaging system rather than DCOM, so it enjoys the same speed and reliability as ioRemote. It is the ideal object for establishing a painless connection between web-servers or web applications, and a iManager host.

Client Software Requirements

- Windows NT Workstation 4.0
- Windows 98
- Windows 95
 - 1. Windows Socket 2 (Winsock)
 - 2. Dial-Up Networking 1.3 Performance and Security Upgrade Patch

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Closing Connections to a Host

procedure Disconnect

; safecall

Description: Closes an existing connection to a host.

Closing Connections to Host

prodecure CloseConnection

;stdcall; export;

Description: Closes an existing connection to host.

Returns:

No value.

Example in PASCAL:

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ClientID := LoginEx (pHostName, ServerAddr , pUsername, pPassword, LError, pPort);

Finally

CloseConnection;

End;

The above example connects to the Host with the function LoginEx. After the job is done, it closes the connection by calling the procedure CloseConnection.

Code Sample

The example included here shows how to use iocommende. all for executing your remote COM objects and for querying the DLO object at the server. The sample also shows how to connect to a host and invoke the DLO methods using a host message.

Note:

You need to import all of your COM objects using the IMetiLinx interface. If you wish to obtain a list of data servers for a given host, import the DLO object into iManager.

Dim Obj As Object

Private Sub Command1_Click()

Caption = "Connecting..."

Set Obj = CreateObject("ioComRemote.MetilinxClient")

Call Obj.Connect("HOST1", "192.168.2.84", 1024, "username1", "password", "metilinx", status)

Caption = "Connected to 192.168.2.84"

End Sub

Private Sub Command2_Click()
Dim msgid As Variant
Dim res As Variant
Dim res1 As Variant
Dim command As Variant
Dim status As Variant

'executing a COM object that resides in the server side msgid = 2147483650# 'the first message after the last iManager reserved message 'corresponding to hex number 80000002

command = "select * from authors"

Call obj.Execute(msgid, command, res, status)

Label1.Caption = "value >>>> " + res

msgid = 2147483651# 'the second message after the last iManager reserved message 'corresponding to hex number 80000003

command = "HOST1;" + "2400380870"

Call obj.Execute(msgid, command, res, status) 'to obtain the data servers

Label1.Caption = "DataServer 1>>>> " + res(0, 0) + " STATISTIC=" + res(0, 1)

Call obj.Execute(msgid + 1, command, res1, status) 'to obtain the connection strings

Label2.Caption = "ConnStr 1>>>> ID=" + res1(0, 0) + " CONNSTR=" + res1(0, 1)

Set res = Nothing

Set res1 = Nothing

End Sub

Private Sub Command3_Click()
Set obj = Nothing
Unload Me
End Sub

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Private Sub Form_Load()

Caption = "Client using ioCOMRemote.DLL"

End Sub

Additional Topics:

Data Load Object ioCOMRemote

COM (OLE/Automation) Errors

 $Start\ at\ 0x80000001\ (-2147483647).\ For\ a\ complete\ list\ of\ error\ codes,\ refer\ to\ Microsoft\ documentation.$

Additional Topics:

iManager errors

Configuring iManager: Security Information

Use an existing administrative user login to administrate iManager or create a new user.

- Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database. Be sure to enter the Source ID (SID) previously indicated.
- 2. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 3. Click Run All to create the database.

Configuring iManager: Create Connection Object

Using SQL 7

If you are using SQL Server 7 as your Database Management System (DBMS), then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

To create the administrative database

- 1. At the iManager Developer 2.2 Configuration window, select Microsoft SQL Server, then click Next.
- 2. Click Edit Connection String to create the ADO connection string.
- 3. Click the Provider tab, and select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server.
- Click Next.
- Click the Connection tab, and select or enter a name in the Server Name box.
- Enter a Username (typically, SA) and Password. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 7. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.

Note:

Do not complete Step 3 of the Connection tab. If you do, you will receive error messages because the administrative database does not yet exist.

- 8. Click OK to test the connection object.
- 9. Enter the Username and Password you previously indicated.
- 10. Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database.
- 11. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 12. Enter a Name, for example, MetiLinx, for the new iManager administrative database.
- 13. Click Run All to create the database.

Once the installation process builds the administrative database, it is complete.

Note:

Do not edit the connection string. The only time the connection string is altered, is when you reinstall the application. When you do, a new database overwrites the previous administrative database.

Using Oracle 8i

If you are using Oracle 8i as your DBMS, then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

Configuring iManager to use an Oracle database requires running the iManager Oracle Database Constructor (Mccradb.exe) at the database server to simplify the database creation process. The batch file completes the following processes on the Oracle database server:

- · Creates and starts an Oracle instance
- · Creates a database associated with the instance
- · Adds the database to the listener file so it can accept client connections
- · Configures the client connection

To Create the Oracle Database Using Mkoradb.exe

- 1. Open a command prompt at the database server.
- 2. Type c: or the drive letter where you installed iManager.
- 3. Type cd program files\metilinx\metilinx enterprise 2.2 or the directory path where you installed IManager.
- Type mkoradb DBID DBNAME password to run the batch file where the parameters represent the following usage:
 - DBID A four-character database system identifier (SID) (4 character limit)

- DBNAME The name of the database being created (8 character limit)
- password The password for the Internal (or the first user) of the database. This user is granted super user rights
- 5. To test the connection, type vaw internal/password@dbname at the command prompt.

Once the database constructor builds the administrative database and you have tested the connection, you may continue with configuring iManager.

Tip:

Use MTLX as the system (source) identifier and METILINX as the database name.

Configuring iManager to Use the Oracle Administrative Database

- 1. Return to the iManager installation on the host system.
- 2. Select Oracle 8i as the administrative database.
- 3. Enter the Oracle Connection information:
 - Server Name
 Name of the new Oracle database
 SID
 Source or system ID (use MTLX)
 - Host Name
 Name of the host on which the database (server) resides
- 4. At the Create Connection Object window, click Edit Connection String to create the ADO connection string.
- 5. At the Provider tab of the Data Link Properties window, select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for Oracle.
- 6. Click Next.
- 7. At the Connection tab, select or enter a name in the Server Name (database name) box.
- 8. Enter information to logon to the database: Username (use Internal) and Password.
- 9. Click OK to test the Connection Object.
- Enter the same Username and Password to logon to the database. If the test is successful, the MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2
 Configuration window appears. If the test is unsuccessful, verify the Server Name, SID, and Host Name.
- Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database. Be sure to enter the Source ID (SID) previously indicated.
- 12. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 13. Click Run All to create the database.

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Create Connection Object

Connection String The path specification to OLE DB or ODBC data sources.

Load Definition from File Select if you are specifying a Microsoft Data Link connection, you must load an existing data

link (.udl) file

Edit Connection String Select to specify information about source and destination OLE DB data sources. The

information includes server names, format and location of the data, and passwords. The connection is established by the first task that uses the connection. A data source connection can specify information about an ODBC data source when using the Microsoft

providers.

Test Connection String

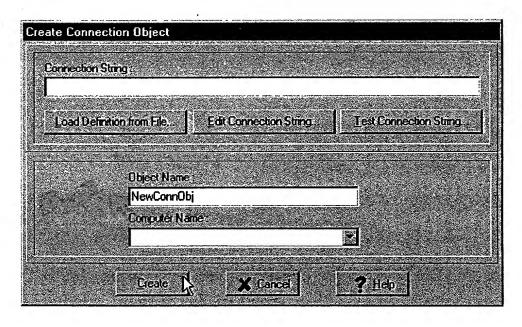
Select to test connectivity to the data source.

Object Name

The name of the connection string object.

Computer Name

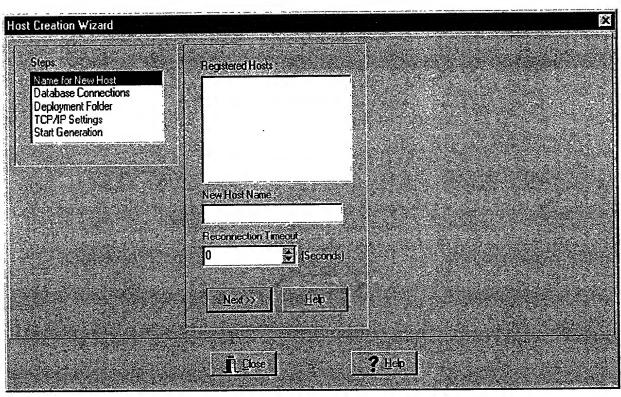
Select the computer on which the data source resides.



Creating a Host

The Host Creation Wizard guides you through the five-step process of creating an iManager host. These process steps are:

- Naming the host
- 2. Creating the database object
- 3. Creating the deployment folder
- Establishing the TCP/IP settings
- Generating the host



The Host Creation Wizard

To access the Host Creation Wizard

On the MetiLinx iManager window, right-click Hosts, and then choose Add New Host.

-or-

On the Action menu, click Add New Host.

To name the host

- 1. Enter the New Host Name (20 character-alpha-numeric- maximum, first character must be a letter).
- 2. In the Reconnection Timeout box, type or select a number.
- Click Next.

To create the database connection object

- 1. Click Create Connection Object.
- On the Create Connection Object dialog box, type an Object Name, and then click Edit Connection String.
- You do not need to type or select a Computer Name.

- 4. On the Data Link Properties dialog box, click the Provider tab.
- 5. Select the appropriate OLE DB Provider, and then click Next.
- 6. If you are setting up a connection to an Oracle database, skip Step 7.
- 7. On the Connection tab, type or select a Server Name.
- 8. You may click Refresh to update the list of available servers.
- Enter a Username and Password to long on to the server. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 10. Type or select the database you are establishing a connection to.
- 11. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.
- 12. At the Connection Object Parameters dialog box, verify the Provider and choose the Security parameter you would like.
- After verifying the connection object parameters on the Create Connection Object dialog box, click Create to create and test the connection object.
- 14. Enter a User Name and Password.

Return to the Host Creation Wizard to create additional database connection objects.

To add the database connection object

- Select from the list of Available Connection Objects the connection object(s) you wish to add to the Selected Connection
 Objects.
- 2. Click Add or Add All.
- 3. Click Next.

To create the deployment folder

- 1. Verify the Drive where you installed iManager.
- Accept the default file location, C:\Program Files\MetiLinx\MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2\Hosts, and then click Next.

You may create an alternative folder location. MetiLinx recommends that you accept the default location.

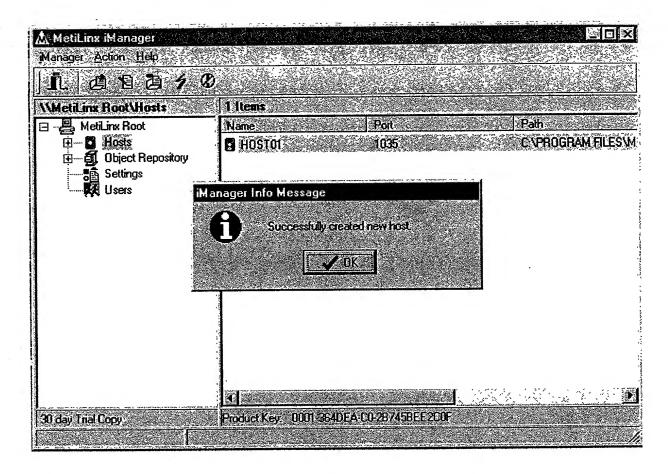
To establish the TCP/IP settings

- 1. Type or select a TCP/IP Port.
- 2. Select the IP address of the iManager application server.
- 3. All static IP addresses for the server are listed.
- 4. Click Next to proceed to the final step in the process.

To generate the host

- 1. Verify the Host Creation Options, and then click Finish.
- 2. To change the options, click Previous and proceed with the above steps.

An iManager Info Message will indicate the successful creation of the host.



Note:

To enable host logging, you must modify the host.

Additional Topics:

Modifying a host

Log Settings

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Data Messages

Message ID

imGetSQLData

Message Number

\$00000210

Explanation

This message performs the query requested like SELECT and keeps an open dataset for further

requests. It also sends the first page of the data result set.

Required Payload

Number of lines per page and the query statement to be performed. Both these parameters

should be separated by CRLF.

Payload Return

The first page of the data result set with each field separated by TAB and each line or record

separated by CRLF. Records per page might be adjusted to avoid page overflow.

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := '20' + #13#10 + 'SELECT * FROM UserInfo' + #13#10

StrPCopy(Buffer, BufferStr);

MsgID:= imGetSQLData

SendMsg(MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result

The above example returns the first page with 20 lines or records of the information in the UserInfo

table and keeps an open dataset with all the pages of the query result.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imFirstPage

Message Number

\$00000220

Explanation

This message is used to get the first page of the SQL query result dataset. This message can

be used only after the message imGetSQLData is sent which keeps track of all the pages of the

result set.

Required Payload

No value.

Payload Return

First page of the query result dataset with each field separated by TAB and each record

separated by CRLF.

Code Example (PASCAL)

StrCopy(Buffer,#0);

MsgID:= imFirstPage

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result

The above example gets the first page of the data result set of the performed query.

Function Word

SendMsg

Documentation Key for Code Samples

ClientID: The unique identifier for the client, which is returned by the login function.

HostName: Null terminated string containing the Name of the Host as defined in iManager (in all caps).

LoginError: Null terminated string that will be returned in case of error. Space for resulting string should be

reserved by the client application.

Msg: Null terminated string containing the message data sent or received.

MsgID The message identifier sent when an action is requested from the Host. After executing the action,

the host will return a different MsgID indicating the resulting status.

OLEResult: Variant containing retrieved data.

Password: Null terminated string containing the client's Password. Part of the user credentials.

Port: Port number used to establish the initial connection between Host and client.

ServerAddr: Null terminated string containing the IP address of the Host or the Name of the Server.

Size: Size of data returned in the "Msg" parameter.

SourceID: Null terminated string containing the client's SourceID. Part of the user credentials. NIL (NULL

pointer) means DEFAULT (proprietary source).

UserName: Null terminated string containing the client's User Name. Part of the user credentials.

Deleting a Connection Object

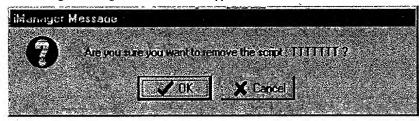
- 1. At the MetiLinx tree, click Object Repository; then click Connection Objects.
- 2. In the right pane, right-click the Connection Object you wish to delete; then click Delete Connection Object.
- 3. In the iManager Message dialog box, click OK to confirm the deletion.

Deleting a Script

Delete a script from the Object Repository if it is no longer in use.

- 1. Click Scripts located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Select the script you want to delete.
- 3. Click Action | Delete Script.

The iManager Message confirmation below appears.



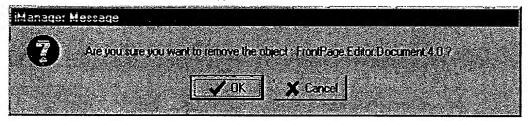
4. At the iManager message, click OK to complete the deletion.

Deleting an Object

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- 1. Click COM Objects located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click the object you want to delete.
- 3. Click Action | Delete Object.

The iManager Message confirmation below appears.



4. Click OK in the iManager message dialog box, confirm the object deletion.

Contents of the Deployment Folder

Each Host deployment folder contains the subdirectories and files described in the table below.

Directory	File(s)	Description
BIN	iEvent.exe	This executable applies the events and changes to the Host settings.
	ih <hostname>.bin</hostname>	These are the configuration files for your Host system as set in iManager and are the supporting executable files for this Host.
UPDATE	Empty	This directory is where downloadable files for client applications are placed. The imGetFile message is used to accomplish this through your client application. This message and its use are explained later in the Messages section of this document.

Note

The contents in the BIN folder should not be moved or modified under any circumstances.

To Install MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2

- 1. Close all programs, including virus-checking programs.
- 2. On the Start menu, select Run.
- 3. Click Browse to locate your Download folder.
- 4. Type or select the file name metilinxenterprise2.2.exe, and then click Open to run the file.
- 5. Follow the instructions of the InstallShield Wizard.
 - Choose Destination Folder
 By default, iManager 2.2 is installed in C:\Program Files\MetiLinx\MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2.
 - Select Program Folder
 By default, the program folder is MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2.

Note:

You must have full Administrator rights to the local machine.

You are now ready to create the iManager administrative database.

Additional Topics:

To create the iManager administrative database using SQL Server 7

To create the iManager administrative database using Oracle 8i

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Documentation Key for Request Messages

Message ID

Message Name

Message Number

Message Number used in the LongInt portion of the message.

Explanation

Description of the use of the message.

Required Payload

The payload required in the message.

Payload Return

The payload or value returned by the Host, if any.

Code Example

An example of how this message would be used in coding language. Shows the result you would expect from the Code example above.

Result

Function Word

Name of the function used to send this message ID.

What's New with MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2

MetiLinx Enterprise 2.1 has branched out to MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 (iManager) and MetiLinx iSystem Enterprise 2.2 (iSystem). iManager is a development tool that aids developers in building e-business systems. These systems subsequently inherit the MetiLinx optimization technology. This release of iManager delivers a broad range of object support and management in an open environment.

✓ Dual interface support for scripting languages

MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 supports the *IDispatch* interface to enable developers working in scripting languages, such as VBScript and JScript, to access the iManager Repository components.

✓ New! Script Editor

The new Script Editor offers basic editing support, enabling developers to edit code from generic and marshalling scripts.

✓ Enhanced remote COM management

With MetilLinx iManager Developer 2.2, MetilLinx continues to build and expand upon the remote COM management functionality and open environment of MetilLinx Enterprise 2.1. Enhanced features include:

- · Improved object streaming
 - Enables remote object handling without the need to register the client
 - o Promotes code efficiency
 - Supports local and remote calling on client
- · Object repository management
- Access to host-level information, such as, connection objects, repository objects, and user connections

Easy Steps to iManager Implementation

- Create Hosts with the Create Hosts Wizard
- 2. Create Connection Objects in the Object Repository
- 3. Create Global Users
- 4. Add Users to Hosts
- 5. Add Connections to Hosts
- 6. Add User Access to Connections
- 7. Implement Business Rules
 - Add COM Objects to the Object Repository
 - Add Scripts to the Object Repository
- 8. Establish Universal Settings

Additional Topics:

Installing iManager

COM (OLE/Automation) Errors

Start at 0x80000001 (-2147483647). For a complete list of error codes, refer to Microsoft documentation.

Additional Topics:

iManager errors

Establishing Log Settings

By default, the host log is not activated during the creation of a host. Administrators, therefore, must manually activate logging, and then configure the Log Viewer for each host to filter log the desired information.

To activate a host log

- Click the Host folder to view the list of hosts.
- 2. Right-click the host you wish to active logging on, and then click Modify Host.
- 3. Click Log Settings and select the Enable Log check box.
- 4. Select the desired option settings.

To configure the log viewer

- Click the Host folder to view the list of hosts.
- 2. Right-click the host you wish to active logging on, and then click Modify Host.
- 3. Click Log Viewer Settings and select the desired option settings.

Establishing Universal Log Settings

Use the Settings module to modify Agent Refresh Time, Log Refresh Time, Log View Entries, and Screen Refresh Time for Hosts.

- 1. Click Settings, then right-click the setting you want to modify.
- 2. Click Modify Settings.
- 3. Enter the parameter values you want to use.

Firewall Settings

Client application processes may cross a firewall to access an iManager host. When you create an iManager host, you must assign it a port number to enable access to the host through a firewall.

By default, the iManager host configuration process initially uses connection port 1024 for the first, established iManager host. Once connectivity is established and security access authorized, the host hands off the session to an available socket, then continues to listen for port 1024 session requests.

For each additional host you create with iManager, you must assign a different port number. These port assignments enable subsequent hosts to receive session requests.

Note:

Set up port 1024 and subsequent ports to use the same rules applied to the HTTP connection port 80 on your firewall. Use ports 1025 through 5000 with the exceptions of ports 3012 and 4012. iManager reserves these ports for the TLO and SLO components.

Hardware Requirements

- 300 MHz Pentium™ II processor
- 120 MB RAM or more
- 100 MB free disk space

Host Creation Wizard: Database Connections

To create the database connection object

- 1. Click Create Connection Object.
- On the Create Connection Object dialog box, type an Object Name, and then click Edit Connection String.
- 3. You do not need to type or select a Computer Name.
- 4. On the Data Link Properties dialog box, click the Provider tab.
- 5. Select the appropriate OLE DB Provider, and then click Next.
- 6. If you are setting up a connection to an Oracle database, skip Step 7.
- 7. On the Connection tab, type or select a Server Name.
- 8. You may click Refresh to update the list of available servers.
- Enter a Username and Password to long on to the server. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 10. Type or select the database you are establishing a connection to.
- 11. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.
- 12. At the Connection Object Parameters dialog box, verify the Provider and choose the Security parameter you would like.
- After verifying the connection object parameters on the Create Connection Object dialog box, click Create to create and test the connection object.
- 14. Enter a User Name and Password.

Return to the Host Creation Wizard to create additional database connection objects.

To add the database connection object

- Select from the list of Available Connection Objects the connection object(s) you wish to add to the Selected Connection
 Objects.
- 2. Click Add or Add All.
- Click Next.

Host Creation Wizard: Deployment Folder

To create the deployment folder

- 1. Verify the Drive where you installed iManager.
- 2. Accept the default file location, C:\Program Files\MetiLinx\MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2\Hosts, and then click

You may create an alternative folder location. MetiLinx recommends that you accept the default location.

Contents of the host deployment folder

Each Host deployment folder contains the subdirectories and files described in the table below.

Directory	File(s)	Description
BIN	iEvent.exe	This executable applies the events and changes to the Host settings.
	ih <hostname>.bin</hostname>	These are the configuration files for your Host system as set in iManager and are the supporting executable files for this Host.
UPDATE	Empty	This directory is where downloadable files for client applications are placed. The imGetFile message is used to accomplish this through your client application. This message and its use are explained later in the Messages section of this document.

Note

The contents in the BIN folder should not be moved or modified under any circumstances.

Host Creation Wizard: Name for New Host

To name the host

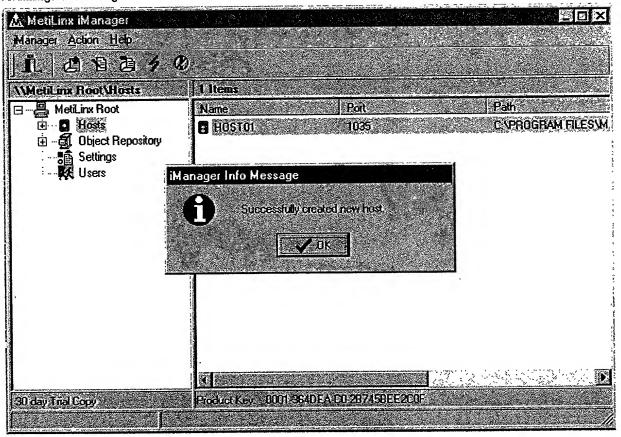
- 1. Enter the New Host Name.
- 2. In the Reconnection Timeout box, type or select a number.
- 3. Click Next.

Host Creation Wizard: Start Generation

To generate the host

- 1. Verify the Host Creation Options, and then click Finish.
- 2. To change the options, click Previous and proceed with the above steps.

An iManager Info Message will indicate the successful creation of the host.



Host Creation Wizard: TCP/IP Settings

To establish the TCP/IP settings

- 1. Type or select a TCP/IP Port.
- 2. Select the IP address of the iManager application server.
- 3. All static IP addresses for the server are listed.
- 4. Click Next to proceed to the final step in the process.

Host Objects

After successfully executing the Host Setup Wizard, a complete host system is created. Two objects are a part of this new system: ioHost and iEvent. Since there is no direct user interaction with these objects, no interface description is provided. Settings for both objects are modified through iManager and data is requested through remote connections.

ioHost

The ioHost Object instantly creates a complete host system on your server based on the parameters you select during the iManager Host creation process. The ioHost Object works with the ioRemote Object to create your custom application Object.

iEvent

The iEvent Object is in charge of logging host events and communications with iManager. This object intelligently gathers these events so it does not impede the performance between your client and Host applications.

The Object Repository

The Object Repository is the module that provides COM object management. It includes functionality for registering, adding, removing and modifying objects. It also allows interface verification and instantiation, as a warranty of object availability.

iManager messages are pre-structured messages, functions and procedures that simplify the programming of your client application. They have been specifically designed for flexibility, scalability, and purpose. The built-in messaging protocol allows developers to extend iManager COM object capabilities with custom messages to interact with existing objects. iManager separates

COM-Objects into two categories: COM-Objects into two categories:

Connection Objects and Business Rules Objects

Connection objects are solely used by the host system to establish connections to database servers using ODBC and OLE DB-connections.

Business Rules Objects refers to objects created outside of iManager and which will be accessed through the COM-metaphor. For these objects to be accessible from iManager, they must implement the IMetiLinx interface or use a marshalling script compliant with iManager specifications.

To use COM-objects, developers create new message IDs and associate them with actions and objects. These message IDs and associations are global for iManager and are stored in the Object Repository. At the User's option, iManager can verify the integrity of object definitions by checking its presence and interface implementation.

There are three ways COM-objects can be used by a Host.

- 1. Direct access to COM-objects implementing IMetiLinx interface.
- 2. Access through a Marshalling Script to generic COM-objects kept in the repository.
- Execution of a Generic Script kept in the Dobject Repository.

Prototype of the interface IDataLoadObject

var CmdResult

: OleVariant);

safecall:

// = No values returned

: WideString; procedure getDataServers (const Host ClientID : OleVariant; out DataServerList : OleVariant); safecall; (const Host : WideString; procedure getConnStrings ClientID : OleVariant; out ConnStrList : OleVariant); safecall; procedure closeADOconn : OleVariant); safecall; (ConnID procedure openADOconn (ConnID : OleVariant; out ConnADO : OleVariant; : OleVariant); safecall; ConnOpenedID (CmdID : LongWord; // = 1 (to pull the data servers list) **ProcessCommand** // = <Host name>;<ClientID> const CmdStr : WideString; Example: CmdStr = 'Host1;1277608648' CmdInfo : OleVariant; : OleVariant); safecall //A two dimensional array with the data var CmdResult servers information Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function. : LongWord; // = 2 (to pull the connection string list) **ProcessCommand** (CmdID : WideString: // = <Host name>;<ClientID> const CmdStr CmdInfo : OleVariant; : OleVariant); safecall // A two dimensional array with the data var CmdResult servers information Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function. // = 3 (to open an ADO connection using a **ProcessCommand** (CmdID : LongWord; connection ID) // <ConnectionID> const CmdStr : WideString; CmdInfo : OleVariant; : OleVariant); // A two dimensional array containing the var CmdResult ADO connection object and a safecall; connection-opened-ID. Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function. **ProcessCommand** (CmdID : LongWord; // = 4 (close a currently open connection) const CmdStr : WideString; // = <ConnectionOpenedID> CmdInfo : OleVariant; //

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

Note:

Please observe the parameter differences when using different CmdID values.

Data Load Object (DLO)

DLO is a COM object contained in the Dlo.exe file supplied with version 2.2, which requires you to develop your own COM interface. This object provides information about data servers and connections associated with a host. It supports user's business rules implementation by enabling more dynamic opening of database connections.

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Configuring iManager: Create Administrative Database

In this step, iManager builds the administrative database for Microsoft SQL 7.

- In the Database Name field, enter a database name to create.
 Note: Do not check the boxes in the Create Database field. They will be completed automatically.
- 2. Click Next.
- 3. Click Yes when prompted to create database scripts.

The InstallShield Wizard will indicate that the iManager installation is complete. Before you can use the program, you must restart vour computer.

iManager Errors

The Status parameter of the ioCOMRemote functions returns the following errors:

Code	Error
0	No error.
-20000	Unexpected error.
-20001	Error getting data from the Host.
-20002	Error writing to stream.
-20003	Error reading from stream.
-20004	Equivalent Hosts not found.
-20005	Host not found.
-20006	Error sending message.
-20007	Error in parameters.
-20008	Reconnection error.
-20009	Host name error.
-20010	Error accessing administrative database.
-20011	Database server error.
-20012	Username/Password error.
-20013	Error Connecting to Host.
-20014	Server name/Port incorrect.
-20015	Error Connecting to TLO.
-20016	Error looking for equivalent hosts.
-20017	Error in function Execute.
-20018	Internal error sending message.
-20019	Object not registered repository.
-20020	Object not in table.
-20021	Object not in remote table.
20022	Interface not registered locally.
-30001	Error invoking object function.
-30002	Error getting memory for Dispatch Parameters structure.
-30003	Error freeing memory for Dispatch Parameters structure.
-30004	Error getting Parameter List.
-30005	Variant array has no dimensions.
-30006	Invalid Function Name.
-30007	Error setting the Parameter List.
-30008	Invalid variant type conversion getting parameters.
-30009	Invalid variant type conversion setting parameters.
-30010	Error creating IProvideClassInfo interface.
-30011	Error in IDispatch interface.
-30012	Error getting function description.
-30013	Error freeing function description.
-30014	Function description is empty.
-30015	Invalid Parameter List.
-30016	Invalid Interface Name.
-30017	Error trying to execute IDispatch.Invoke.
-30018	Error Saving IPersistStream.

-30019	Error getting ITypeInfo instance of the library.
-30020	Error streaming object.
-30021	Error saving variant to stream.
-30022	Error saving object properties.
-30023	Error loading variant from stream.
-30024	Error loading the variant from a IPersistStream.
-30025	Stream kind not allowed.
-30026	Error loading from stream.
-30027	Error saving stream to variant.
-30028	Error filling the Dispatch Parameters structure.
-30029	Error verifying the object in Repository.
-30030	Error getting the list of implemented interfaces from IDispatch.
-30031	Error getting the list of implemented interfaces from ClassInfo.
-30032	Error getting the ITypeLib interface.
-30033	Error in InvokeDotNotation function.
-30034	Error in SearchInterfaceName function.
-30035	Еrror in dot Notation.
-30036	Error getting ITypeLib interface of the object.
-30037	Error filling the Parameters list to pass it to invoke function.
-30038	Error filling the Named Argument list to pass it to invoke function.
-30039	Error in SaveCollectionToArray function.
-30040	Error in SaveArrayToCollection function.
-30041	Error in SaveDispatchObj function.
-30042	Error in Create function of TObjPerformer.
-30043	Error in GetInterfaceList function.
-30044	Error in GetMemberList function.
-30045	Error in GetParameterList function.
-30046	Error in SaveRecordSet function.
-30047	Error in LoadRecordSet function.

Additional Topics:

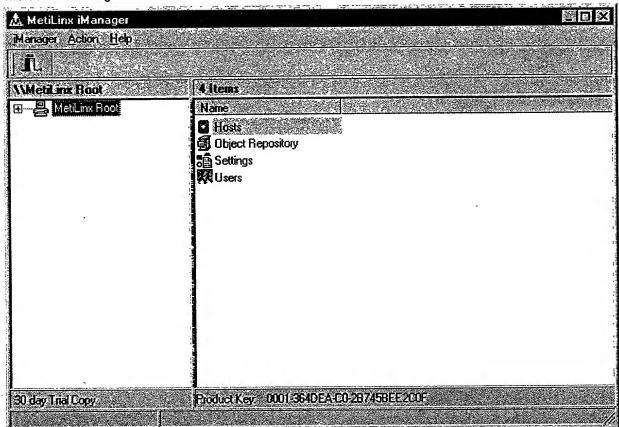
COM (OLE/Automation) Errors

iManager Toolbar Buttons

Button	Command
4	Add
23	Add New User/External Source
a	Delete / Remove
Ī	Exit / Close
S	Filter
19	Modify
2	Run Host
0	Stop Host
Y	Verify `
C	View All
	Object/Script Messages
	Script Objects

iManager Window

This is the main iManager window. Click on its various areas to learn more about its features.



Additional Topics:

Learn about the Object Repository

Prototype of the interface IDataLoadObject

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Note:

Please observe the parameter differences when using different CmdID values.

IMetilinx Interface

Publishing Host Information

Below are the interface specifications for the COM object IMetiLinx. Also included is the ProcessCommand function needed for Marshalling Scripts and Generic Scripts.

<i>II</i>	

// Interface: IMetilinx	
// Flags: (320) Dual OleAutomation	
// GUID: {D1FACAFC-C509-11D3-8775-0050046EDE16}	
<i>II</i>	

IMetilinx = interface(IUnknown)	
[{D1FACAFC-C509-11D3-8775-0050046EDE16}'] procedure ProcessCorr	imand(CmdID: LongWord;
const CmdStr: WideString;	
CmdInfo: OleVariant; var CmdResult:	
OleVariant); safecall; end;	
<i>II</i>	

Function ProcessCommand(CmdID, CmdStr, CmdInfo)	
CmdID, CmdStr and CmdInfo are Variants	
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Information Messages

Message ID

imGetSQLInfo

Message Number

\$00000101

Explanation

This message is used to perform a standard SQL query like SELECT, to get a small amount of

data from a dataset.

Required Payload

SQL query statement.

Payload Return

The data requested with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by carriage

return + line feed (CRLF).

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := 'Select GetDate()';

StrPCopy(Buffer , BufferStr);

MsgID:= imGetSQLInfo;

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

CurrentDT := StrToDateTime(Copy(Buffer, 1, Pos(#9, Buffer) -1));

Result

The above example returns the date and time value on the server. ClientID is the value returned

by the Login function.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imGetStoredProcedure

Message Number

\$00000102

Explanation

This message calls a stored procedure that returns a dataset.

Required Payload

Name of the stored procedure and the parameters required by the stored procedure. All of this

information should be separated by CRLF.

Payload Return

The result data returned by the stored procedure with each field separated by TAB and each

record separated by CRLF.

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := StoredProcedureName + #13#10 + spParameter1 + #13#10 + spParameter2...

StrPCopy (Buffer , BufferStr);

MsgID:=imGetStoredProcedure;

SendMsg (MsgID , ClientID , Buffer);

Result

The example will call "StoredProcedureName" with parameters "spParameter1" and

"spParameter2" and retrieves the result data returned by the stored procedure in the "Buffer,"

with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by CRLF.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imExecStoredProcedure

Message Number

\$00000103

Explanation

This message calls a stored procedure that does not return a dataset.

Required Payload

Name of the stored procedure and the parameters required by the stored procedure. All of this

information should be separated by CRLF.

Payload Return A list of returning parameters with each field separated by TAB and ending in CRLF.

Code Example

(PASCAL)

BufferStr := StoredProcedureName + #13#10 + spParameter1 + #13#10 + spParameter2...

StrPCopy (Buffer, BufferStr); MsgID:=imExecStoredProcedure; SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result The example will call "StoredProcedureName" with parameters "spParameter1" and

"spParameter2" and retrieves the result data returned by the stored procedure in the "Buffer,"

with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by CRLF.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

Message Number

imGetFile \$00000104

Explanation

This message transfers files specified by the Host application from the Update directory on the

Host server to the client PC.

Required Payload

Origin Filename to be transferred from the Host, as well as the destination path and Filename. The source and the destination values should be separated by a CRLF. The destination path

must be valid for the local client machine.

Payload Return

Code Example (PASCAL)

No return value.

BufferStr := 'Readme.txt' + #13#10 + 'C:\mydir\Readme.txt';

StrPCopy(Buffer, BufferStr);

MsgID:=imGetFile;

SendMsg(MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result

The above example will transfer file "Readme.bd" from the Update Directory on the Host server to

the clients' local machine in the folder "c:\mydir". ClientID is the value returned by the Login

function.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imGetFileDetails

Message Number

\$00000110

Explanation

This message is used to get the name, size and date stamp of the file(s) in the Update directory of the Host system. This Update directory is created during the creation of the Host system and

is located in the deployment folder of the Host system you are working with.

Required Payload

No value required

Payload Return

The corresponding information for all existing files in the Update folder Data values for a single

file are TAB-separated. TAB and CRLF separate entries for different files.

(Filename#9Filesizein bytes#9Filedate#9Filetime#9#13#10)

Code Example (PASCAL)

StrPCopy(Buffer, #0);

MsgID:=imGetFileDetails;

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result In the above example, the buffer will contain all information for the file, in the specified directory,

on the server, in the format explained above. ClientID is the value returned by the Login function.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imGetBinaryInfo

Message Number

\$00000120

Explanation

This message is used to retrieve query results like SELECT in binary format. It is especially

useful to get Blobs and image fields.

Required Payload

SQL query statement

Payload Return

Pointer to a buffer containing the query result in binary format and the size of the returned buffer

in bytes.

Code Example (PASCAL)

Result

BufferStr := 'Select BMP From Animals Where Name = "Boa"";

StrPCopy(Buffer , BufferStr); BufferSize:=strLen(Buffer);

MsgID:=imGetBinaryInfo;

SendMsgB(MsgID , ClientID , Buffer , BufferSize);

The above example will get a blob field from the table "Animals". The size of the blob is returned

in 'BufferSize'.

Function Word SendMsgB

Information Messages

Message ID

imGetSQLInfo

Message Number

\$00000101

Explanation

This message is used to perform a standard SQL query like SELECT, to get a small amount of

data from a dataset.

Required Payload

SQL query statement.

Payload Return

The data requested with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by carriage

return + line feed (CRLF).

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := 'Select GetDate()';

StrPCopy(Buffer , BufferStr);

MsgID:= imGetSQLInfo;

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

CurrentDT := StrToDateTime(Copy(Buffer, 1, Pos(#9, Buffer) -1));

Result

The above example returns the date and time value on the server. ClientID is the value returned

by the Login function.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imGetStoredProcedure

Message Number

\$00000102

Explanation

This message calls a stored procedure that returns a dataset.

Required Payload

Name of the stored procedure and the parameters required by the stored procedure. All of this

information should be separated by CRLF.

Payload Return

The result data returned by the stored procedure with each field separated by TAB and each

record separated by CRLF.

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := StoredProcedureName + #13#10 + spParameter1 + #13#10 + spParameter2...

StrPCopy (Buffer , BufferStr);

MsgID:=imGetStoredProcedure;

SendMsg (MsgID , ClientID , Buffer);

Result

The example will call "StoredProcedureName" with parameters "spParameter1" and

"spParameter2" and retrieves the result data returned by the stored procedure in the "Buffer,"

with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by CRLF.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imExecStoredProcedure

Message Number

\$00000103

Explanation

This message calls a stored procedure that does not return a dataset.

Required Payload

Name of the stored procedure and the parameters required by the stored procedure. All of this

information should be separated by CRLF.

Payload Return A list of returning parameters with each field separated by TAB and ending in CRLF.

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SendMsg (MsgID , ClientID , Buffer);

Result The example will call "StoredProcedureName" with parameters "spParameter1" and

"spParameter2" and retrieves the result data returned by the stored procedure in the "Buffer,"

with each field separated by TAB and each record separated by CRLF.

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Function Word SendMsg

Message ID imGetFile

Message Number \$00000104

Explanation This message transfers files specified by the Host application from the Update directory on the Host server to the client PC.

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Required Payload Origin Filename to be transferred from the Host, as well as the destination path and Filename.

The source and the destination values should be separated by a CRLF. The destination path

must be valid for the local client machine.

Payload Return No return value.

Code Example BufferStr := 'Readme.txt' + #13#10 + 'C:\mydir\Readme.txt';

(PASCAL) StrPCopy(Buffer, BufferStr);

MsgID:=imGetFile;

SendMsg(MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result The above example will transfer file "Readme.bd" from the Update Directory on the Host server to

the clients' local machine in the folder "c:\mydir". ClientID is the value returned by the Login

function.

Function Word SendMsg

Message ID imGetFileDetails

Message Number \$00000110

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is located in the deployment folder of the Host system you are working with.

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Payload Return The corresponding information for all existing files in the Update folder Data values for a single

file are TAB-separated. TAB and CRLF separate entries for different files.

(Filename#9Filesizein bytes#9Filedate#9Filetime#9#13#10)

Code Example StrPCopy(Buffer , #0);
(PASCAL) MsgID:=imGetFileDetails;

No value required

Required Payload

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

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Result In the above example, the buffer will contain all information for the file, in the specified directory,

on the server, in the format explained above. ClientID is the value returned by the Login function.

Function Word

SendMsg

Message ID

imGetBinaryInfo

Message Number

\$00000120

Explanation

This message is used to retrieve query results like SELECT in binary format. It is especially

useful to get Blobs and image fields.

Required Payload

SQL query statement

Payload Return

Pointer to a buffer containing the query result in binary format and the size of the returned buffer

in bytes.

Code Example (PASCAL)

BufferStr := 'Select BMP From Animals Where Name = "Boa";

StrPCopy(Buffer , BufferStr);

BufferSize:=strLen(Buffer); MsgID:=imGetBinaryInfo;

SendMsgB(MsgID , ClientID , Buffer , BufferSize);

Result The above example will get a blob field from the table "Animals". The size of the blob is returned

in 'BufferSize'.

Function Word SendMsgB

Code Sample

The example included here shows how to use iocommemote.dll for executing your remote COM objects and for querying the DLO object at the server. The sample also shows how to connect to a host and invoke the DLO methods using a host message.

Note:

You need to import all of your COM objects using the IMetiLinx interface. If you wish to obtain a list of data servers for a given host, import the DLO object into iManager.

```
Dim Obj As Object
```

```
Private Sub Command1_Click()
```

```
Caption = "Connecting..."

Set Obj = CreateObject("ioComRemote.MetilinxClient")

Call Obj.Connect("HOST1", "192.168.2.84", 1024, "username1", "password", "metilinx", status)

Caption = "Connected to 192.168.2.84"

End Sub
```

Private Sub Command2_Click()
Dim msgid As Variant

Dim res As Variant

Diffres As Variant

Dim res1 As Variant

Dim command As Variant

Dim status As Variant

'executing a COM object that resides in the server side

msgid = 2147483650# 'the first message after the last iManager reserved message

'corresponding to hex number 80000002

command = "select * from authors"

Call obj.Execute(msgid, command, res, status)

Label1.Caption = "value >>>> " + res

msgid = 2147483651# 'the second message after the last iManager reserved message 'corresponding to hex number 80000003

command = "HOST1;" + "2400380870"

Call obj. Execute(msgid, command, res, status) to obtain the data servers

Label1.Caption = "DataServer 1>>>> " + res(0, 0) + " STATISTIC=" + res(0, 1)

Call obj. Execute (msgid + 1, command, res1, status) to obtain the connection strings

Label2.Caption = "ConnStr 1>>>> ID=" + res1(0, 0) + " CONNSTR=" + res1(0, 1)

Set res = Nothing

Set res1 = Nothing

End Sub

Private Sub Command3_Click()

Set obj = Nothing

Unload Me

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()

Caption = "Client using ioCOMRemote.DLL"

End Sub

Additional Topics:

Data Load Object

ioCOMRemote

Load Data Link File

If you are specifying a Microsoft Data Link connection, you must load an existing data link (.udl) file

Drive

Select drive on which the .UDL file resides.

Folder

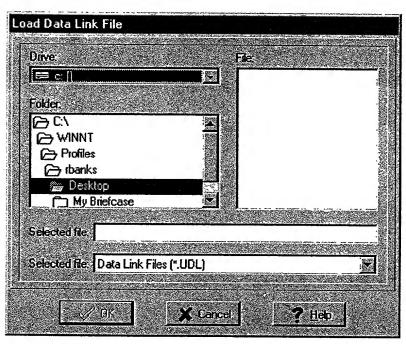
Select folder on which the .UDL file resides.

Selected File

Path of the .UDL file.

Selected File

Select Data Link Files.



Load Data Link dialog box

Logon

Source Name

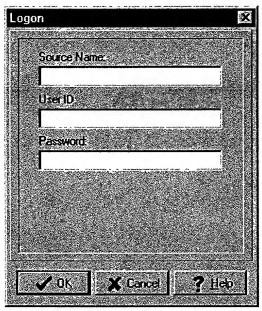
The Source ID located in the Host detail panel.

User ID

User login ID.

Password

Password of User ID



Logon dialog box

Member Descriptor

A member descriptor is a five-element array of variant that describes a member (function or property) of an object, including parameters and result, if needed. Use it to specify member calls and marshal results when remotely invoking.

MemberDescriptor: Variant containing a one dimensional array of Variant with 5 elements where:

MemberDescriptor [0]: Name of the interface the member belongs to. If the member name is a nested

reference using dot notation, this element refers to the interface containing the first

property from the left.

MemberDescriptor [1]: Name of the member to invoke. Nested references to members (using dot notation)

allowed.

MemberDescriptor [2]: Flags describing the invocation context. as follows:

FLAG NAME	FLAG VALUE	DESCRIPTION
INVOKE_FUNC	1	The member is invoked as a method.
INVOKE_PROPERTYGET	2	The member is retrieved as a property or data member
INVOKE_PROPERTYPUT	4	The member is set as a property or data member
INVOKE_PROPERTYPUTREF	8	The member is set by a reference assignment, rather than a value assignment. This flag is valid only when the property accepts a reference to an object.

MemberDescriptor [3]: ParamLst, one dimensional array of Variant with 4 elements describing the parameter

list

ParamLst[0]: Number of parameters the member takes.

ParamLst[1]: Numer of named parameters

ParamLst[2]: VarArray with as many elements as parameters the member takes.

Parameter matching is made from left to right. Values for input parameters must be set prior invocation. Type matching between array

elements and parameters is responsibility of the caller.

ParamLst[3]: Array of named parameters. See examples of how to define the

Parameter List.

MemberDescriptor [4]: Variant where the result is marshaled back to the caller, or NULL if the caller expects

no result. This argument is ignored if INVOKE_PROPERTYPUT or

INVOKE_PROPERTYPUTREF is specified.

MetiLinx iManager Messages

According to their functionality and from the client application's viewpoint, message identifiers can be separated into three different categories: Request Messages, Answer Messages and Internal Messages. Whenever the requested action is performed, the Host sends an answer message ID (acknowledge message). If errors arise, the corresponding message IDs are sent back.

Request Messages

Request Messages are sent from the client to the Host. They represent actions the Host system can perform and send results or answers back to the client application. There are two kinds of request messages: Stateless Messages and Transaction (State-based) Messages.

Stateless Messages

After executing a Stateless Message, the Host sends the corresponding reply message back without keeping any reference to it. Stateless Messages include update messages and single-shot information requests, as described below.

Transaction Messages (State-based)

A Transaction Message is comprised by messages associated to "states" of the Host. For example, requests to open a table and retrieve its content page by page belong to this class. Depending on its current state, requests to the Host will be accepted or declined. For example, starting a transaction on the database server requires the client close it (by commitment or rollback). In a different situation, after opening a dataset, the client can browse through it, but it must be closed before opening a new one. This is the meaning of "states of the Host".

Answer Messages

Answer messages are the replies to the client's requests from the Host. Usually, the Host combines more than one message identifier to give additional information about its state and/or to report errors detected while performing the requested action. For example, when replying to a single-shot message, the Host might return imDone, meaning the request was carried out successfully and no other information is available. Alternately, it can combine an error message identifier with a reply message identifier to indicate that although information was sent to the client, not all information could be accommodated into the buffer, producing an overflow situation. The combination of message identifiers is done using a logical OR operation, so that the AND operation has to be used in order to detect the presence of a message identifier in a reply message.

In case of multiple-shot messages, the Answer message identifiers can inform the client about the cursor position inside the dataset, data errors, etc. This facilitates the process of browsing through the dataset and detecting when an endpoint is reached.

Whenever imDone is returned (alone or combined with some other message identifiers), it means the Host was able to obtain data and send it to the client. Otherwise, only the corresponding error message identifiers will be sent back to the client, indicating that an error was raised during the request execution and the Host could not complete the task. If more information is available, it will be sent back as a payload.

Report Answer Messages

There are other Answer messages the client application might encounter that originate either at the Host or in the ioRemote Object. These are helpful in the debugging of applications during development.

Internal Messages

Internal Messages are used in the communication between the ioRemote Object and the Host to perform operations related to client's requests. These messages are not sent to or received by the client; therefore, they will not be listed in this document.

Setup Files

To download MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 from the MetiLinx Web site, you must register and agree to the License Terms of the Software License Agreement MetiLinx, Inc. grants. Download the file, MetiLinxEnterprise2.2.exe, to the Download directory.

Tip:

Be sure to carefully read the License Terms of the Software License Agreement. MetiLinx, Inc. grants the following licenses for the use of MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2:

- 30-Day Evaluation
- Development
- Enterprise

Evaluation use of the software begins upon downloading the software and precisely ends 30 days, thereafter.

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QueryObject.exe

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Provider Name	Data Source	Provider	Product
SQLOLEDB	SQL Server	Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server	SQL Server
MSDAORA	Oracle	Microsoft OLE DB Provider for Oracle	Any (2)
Microsoft.Jet.OLEDB.4.0	Access/Jet	Microsoft OLE DB Provider for Jet	Any
MSDASQL	ODBC data source	Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC	Any
MSIDXS	File system	Microsoft OLE DB Provider for Indexing Service	Any
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Welcome

Welcome to MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 and MetiLinx™ technology—Making the Internet Powerful!™

MetiLinx digital technology tools make the Internet a more powerful place to do business, by delivering speed, flexibility, stability, dependability, and optimization to commercial, web-based systems.

Look for new things to come from MetiLinx as we continue to expand our line of optimization and development enhancement products. Please visit our Web site at www.metilinx.com.

Firewall Settings

Client application processes may cross a firewall to access an iManager host. When you create an iManager host, you must assign it a port number to enable access to the host through a firewall.

By default, the iManager host configuration process initially uses connection port 1024 for the first, established iManager host. Once connectivity is established and security access authorized, the host hands off the session to an available socket, then continues to listen for port 1024 session requests.

For each additional host you create with iManager, you must assign a different port number. These port assignments enable subsequent hosts to receive session requests.

Note:

Set up port 1024 and subsequent ports to use the same rules applied to the HTTP connection port 80 on your firewall. Use ports 1025 through 5000 with the exceptions of ports 3012 and 4012, iManager reserves these ports for the TLO and SLO components.

Accessing Database Servers through Business Rule Objects

iManager provides the COM object, QueryHost (defined in QueryObject.DLL), to grant Business Rule Objects (BRO) access to the database servers using the same connection assigned to the client making the request. The BRO must create an instance of QueryHost and then pass the SQL statement to the created instance, in order to retrieve the data.

For this purpose, the QueryHost interface (IQueryHost) exports a method named RequestQuery. The prototype for this method is:

procedure RequestQuery(const CmdStr: WideString; CmdInfo: OleVariant; var CmdResult: OleVariant); safecall;

where

CrndStr contains the SQL-statement to be executed.

CmdInfo is a parameter passed to the BRO by the host. It is a Variant array with six elements, namely:

CmdInfo[0] = Name of the Server for QueryHost (as a wide string).

CmdInfo[1] = used by iManager.

Cmdinfo[2] = reserved for future use.

CmdInfo[3] = reserved for future use.

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CmdResult returns the resulting data.

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Add Users/Groups from External Source

Administrators can import user IDs and users groups from several types of external sources. The success of the import procedure, however, depends on including the exact information required, as indicated below.

Source

The location from which the collection of user and

user group information is taken. Enter the

following source information based on the Source

Kind:

SQL Server

server name

WinNT

NT domain name

Oracle

service name

LDAP

server IP address

Source Kind

A code representation of the source program.

Valid source kinds include: WinNT (Windows NT Domain)

SQL Server and Oracle (Database Server)

LDAP (Server).

When the source kind is selected, the iManager automatically generates a new source name identifier. This identifier is modifiable.

Source Name

A unique identifier for a source. The same as the

Source ID that is part of a user's authentication

credentials.

Select New to create a new source name. iManager verifies that the name is unique. Do not check New if you want to use an existing source

name.

Administrator ID

The user ID that has administrative authority to

access the source.

Password

The password for the administrator ID..

Database/Directory Name

If necessary, depending on the kind of external source, specify a database name (for database servers) or a directory to from which to retrieve

users and user groups information.

Provider

Select the corresponding database access

provider or type a connection string.

Tip:

Specify only the corresponding source information indicated below:

Windows NT

Source: Domain name or IP address

Source Kind: WinNT

Source Name: A unique identifier

LDAP

Source: IP address of the LDAP server

Source Kind: LDAP

Source Name: A unique identifier

SQL Server

Source: IP address of the SQL server

Source Kind: SQL Server

Source Name: A unique identifier

Administrator ID: Sysadmin (sa) or an equivalent

administrator login. Verify type

of SQL server security.

Database: Name of the database from which the

users and user groups are

being taken.

Provider: SQLOLEDB.1, the current Microsoft

OLE DB provider for SQL Server. Otherwise, use MSDASQL.1, the Microsoft OLE DB provider for ODBC

Oracle

Source: The Oracle service name (Servername)

Source Kind: Oracle

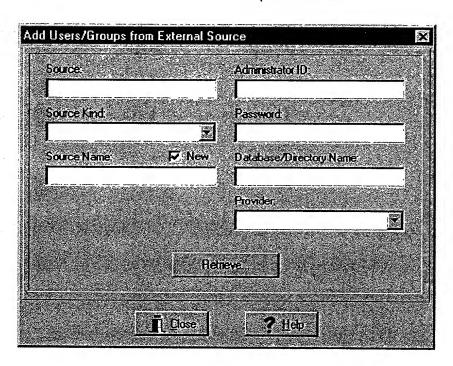
Source Name: A unique identifier

Administrator ID: Use Internal or an equivalent

administrator login.

Provider: MSDAORA,1 for the Microsoft OLE

DB provider for Oracle



Additional Topics:

Microsoft OLE DB providers

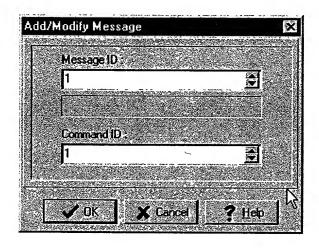
Add/Modify Message

Message ID

Number (DWORD) associated to an alert definition.

Command ID

Unique identifier (DWORD) of a command.



Modify Connection Object

Change the status or connection string of a connection object in the Object Repository.

Connection Object Status

Select Active to activate the connection object.

Select Inactive to pause the connection. If iManager detects a connection failure with a connection object, the status of the connection object automatically changes to Inactive. Every 15 minutes, iManager attempts to reconnect the connection. If the connection object reconnects, iManager changes the status to Active.

Select Out of Service to permanently place an object connection offline. If a connection fails to reconnect, consider placing it out of service.

Connection String

Select to modify the connection string parameters

of the connection object.

Modify Settings Parameters

Agent Refresh Time

Use this parameter to adjust, in seconds, how often iAgent checks the Host status and

activates its data publishing mechanism.

Minimum Value: 5 Maximum Value: 3600 Recommended Value: 10

Log Refresh Time

Use this parameter to adjust, in seconds, how often iManager retrieves messages from the administration database when logging is

enabled.

Minimum Value: 1 Maximum Value: 100 Recommended Value: 5

Log View Entries

Use this parameter to adjust the number of message displayed in the Log window.

Minimum Value: 100 Maximum Value: 5000 Recommended Value: 500

Screen Refresh Time

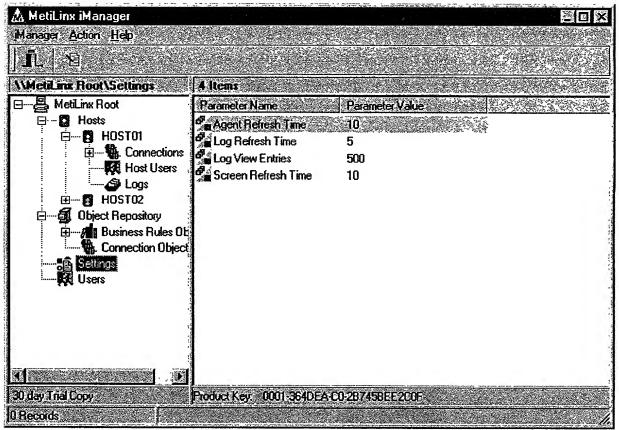
Use this parameter to adjust, in seconds, how often the Host Status information in the Hosts

window updates.

Minimum Value: 3

Maximum Value: 100

Recommended Value: 10



Settings Parameters

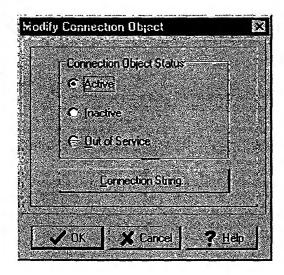
Note:

Decreasing the parameters to the lowest settings is not recommended, as doing so will slow down the Host performance.

Modifying a Connection Object

- 1. At the MetiLinx tree, click Object Repository; then click Connection Objects.
- 2. In the right pane, right-click the Connection Object you wish to modify; then click Modify Connection Object.

iManager opens the Modify Connection Object window.



- 3. If you want to, modify the Connection Object Status,
- 4. Click Connection String.
- 5. Click OK to implement the changes.

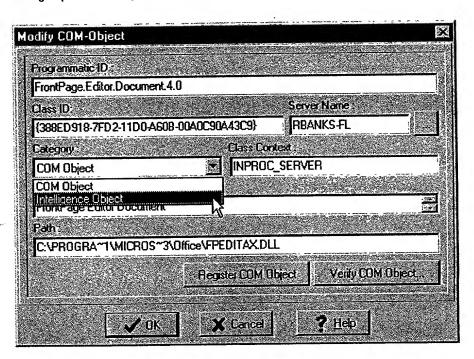
Modifying a Script

- 1. Select the script you want to modify located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects > Scripts.
- 2. Click Action | Modify Script.
- 3. Make the changes and click OK to implement them.

Modifying an Object

- Click the COM Object you want to modify found in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects > COM Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Modify Object.

iManager opens the Modify COM-Object dialog box.



There are two available tools on the "Modify COM-Object" screen:

Verify COM Object

This feature will test your object properties for accuracy.

Register COM Object

This feature will register your object with the local System.

Modify the object and click OK to save your changes.

Additional Topics:

Verifying COM objects

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Navigating in iManager

MetiLinx iManager follows standard Windows navigation features, which allow you to carry out the same command in more than one way.

Double-click feature

Use the double-click feature to expand the MetiLinx root and view the MetiLinx tree. Double-click the last subcomponent of a component to carry out the Modify command.

Right-click feature

Use the right-click feature to view a component menu. Right-clicking a component within the MetiLinx tree (control pane) provides a menu with limited list of enabled commands for that component. Right-clicking a component within the details pane (right pane) provides a menu with a complete list of enabled commands for that component. For example, if you right-click Hosts in the control pane, the enable commands that appear are limited to Add New Host and Help. When you right-click on a host system displayed on the right pane, Modify Host, Delete Host, Run Host, and Help are enabled.







Host system right-click menu from right panel

Drag and drop feature

Use the iManager drag-and-drop feature to complete host maintenance tasks.

- Add users to a Host System by dragging and dropping User IDs from Users into Host Users.
- Add Connection Objects to a Host System by dragging and dropping connection objects from the Object Repository to Connections.

Additional Tools

iAgent is a utility application that starts the iManager components. The iManager installation places a shortcut to the Agent in the Startup group for All Users, so that the agent runs at logon time. By default, the agent starts each host, the Transaction Load Object (TLO)and the optimization COM-objects.

iAgent checks the iManager administrative database for hosts that have the automatic startup property enabled and starts them. As each host publishes its information to the database upon starting up, iAgent detects the host presence and activates the host's publishing mechanism. iAgent also creates and manages instances of SysCounters to retrieve information about every server on which a host resides. There will be one object per server. Simultaneously, iAgent creates a single instance of MetiProc, in order to calculate the statistics for each host.

iAgent can also be used to start other applications. Simply edit the text file 3rdPartyApp.ini, located in the iManager installation folder. Use the following format for your entries:

[<Application Name>]

Active=<YES/NO>

Path=<Full App Path including executable name>

Parameters=<Command-line parameters, if needed>

Mode=<NORMAL/HIDE/MINIMIZE/MAXIMIZE>

Application name

Identifies the application section in

the INI file

Active

Indicate Yes to enable iAgent to start the application. Otherwise, indicate No.

Path

The full path of the application

location

Parameters

Contains space separated,

command-line parameters required

for running the application

Mode

Indicates the application's default window properties. This mode

parameter is passed to the application executing the function.

By default, a single entry for TLO is written in this file.

iManager Toolbar Buttons

Button	Command
4	Add
凹	Add New User/External Source
2	Delete / Remove
Ī	Exit / Close
\$	Filter
12	Modify
4	Run Host
Ø	Stop Host
X	Verify
Œ	View All
a	Object/Script Messages
	Script Objects

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COM Object Messages

Actions performed by COM objects are identified by Command ID numbers. Duplication of these ID numbers can occur within other scripts and objects, and are often associated to different actions. To manage such duplication among objects, iManager provides an system of identification that allows developers to assign unique message IDs to object actions, while maintaining the development team's proprietary numbering system.

Message ID

Number (DWORD) associated to an alert

definition.

Command ID

Unique identifier (DWORD) of a command.

ImUserMsgID

A hexidecimal constant (0x80000001) added to the Message ID to create a unique hexideciaml number that maps to the Command ID.

How the message mapping works

Given:

Message ID

=3 =6

Command ID

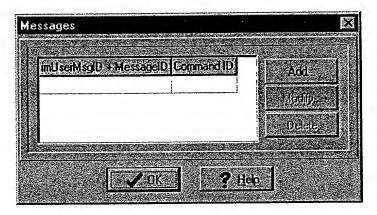
Result:

ImUserMsgID (0x80000001) + Message ID (3) = (0x80000004) and maps to Command ID 6 for the object.

To map command IDs

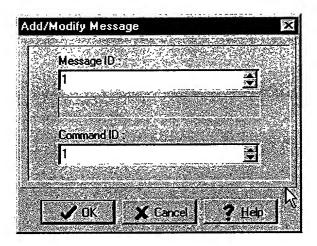
- In the Com Objects dialog box, located under Business Rules Objects, click the object you want to add a message to.
- 2. Click on Action | Object Messages.

iManager opens the Messages window.



Click Add.

iManager opens the Add/Modify Message dialog box.



4. Type a number in the Message ID box to create your unique ID.

An error message appear, if the number selected is already in use.

- 5. Type the Command ID number used in your object.
- 6. Click the OK to return to the Messages dialog box.

Repeat the above steps to add additional messages to the object. You can also Modify or Delete the Message IDs

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The new Script Editor offers basic editing support, enabling developers to edit code from generic and marshalling scripts.

✓ Enhanced remote COM management

With MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2, MetiLinx continues to build and expand upon the remote COM management functionality and open environment of MetiLinx Enterprise 2.1. Enhanced features include:

- Improved object streaming
 - o Enables remote object handling without the need to register the client
 - o Promotes code efficiency
 - o Supports local and remote calling on client
- Object repository management
- Access to host-level information, such as, connection objects, repository objects, and user connections.

Object Repository Components

Business Rules Objects:

COM objects supplied by the developer to be accessed by the Host using extended message IDs.

Intelligence Objects:

Objects implementing the published IMetiLinx COM-interface. Communication between Host and objects occurs through the ProcessCommand function. iManager creates and destroys instances.

Generic Objects:

iManager interface is not implemented. Managed through Marshalling Scripts and metanames.

iManager is responsible for creating and destroying object instances.

Marshalling Scripts:

Source code and properties stored in the Object Repository. Several generic objects can be associated with a script. iManager creates object instances and passes it to the script using the predefined metanames. The correct use of objects is the responsibility of the script implementer. Function ProcessCommand has to be implemented. Host-Script communication occurs through this

function (similar to the first case, but implemented in a script).

Generic Scripts:

Source code and properties are stored in the Object Repository. No objects are explicitly associated with them. iManager is responsible for executing source code. The Script is in charge of creating the objects it might need. Function ProcessCommand has to be implemented. Host-Script communication

occurs through this function (similar to the first case, but implemented in a script).

Connection Objects

ADO (database connection objects) created through iManager interface to be accessed by the Hosts

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Using SQL Server 7

If you are using SQL Server 7 as your Database Management System (DBMS), then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

To create the administrative database

- At the iManager Developer 2.2 Configuration window, select Microsoft SQL Server, then click Next.
- 2. Click Edit Connection String to create the ADO connection string.
- 3. Click the Provider tab, and select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Click the Connection tab, and select or enter a name in the Server Name box.
- Enter a Username (typically, SA) and Password. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 7. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.

Note:

Do not complete Step 3 of the Connection tab. If you do, you will receive error messages because the administrative database does not yet exist.

- 8. Click OK to test the connection object.
- 9. Enter the Username and Password you previously indicated.
- 10. Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database.
- 11. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 12. Enter a Name, for example, MetiLinx, for the new iManager administrative database.
- 13. Click Run All to create the database.

Once the installation process builds the administrative database, it is complete.

Note:

Do not edit the connection string. The only time the connection string is aftered, is when you reinstall the application. When you do, a new database overwrites the previous administrative database.

OLE Messages

Message ID

imGetOLEData

Message Number

\$10000001

Explanation

This message is used to retrieve any amount of data (resulting from the execution of a SQL Statement) formatted as an OLE object.

Required Payload

SQL-Statement as string.

Payload Return

OLE object containing data

Code Example (PASCAL)

WideStr := "SELECT *from AV.TD;"

MsgID:= imGetOLEData

SendMsgOLE (MsgID, ClientID, WideStr, varResult);

Result

varResult will contain the retrieved data as a Recordset.

Function Word

SendMsgOLE

Opening Connections to a Host

procedure Connect

(const Host

: WideString;

IPAddress

: WideString;

//IP address of the application server

where the host is running.

Port

: SYSINT;

// The IP Port being utilized to make

the call

const Username

: WideString;

//User name security credential

Password

: WideString;

//Password security credential

SourceID

: WideString;

var Status

: OleVariant); safecall

//Status = 0, if Connect successful.

Status <> 0 otherwise.

Description: Opens a connection to a Host.

procedure Reconnect

(const Host

: WideString;

IPAddress

: WideString;

//IP address of the application server

where the host is running.

Port

: SYSINT;

// The IP Port being utilized to make

the call

const Usemame

: WideString;

. //User name security credential

Password

: WideString;

//Password security credential

SourcelD

: WideString;

OpenDataset : WordBool;

//Returns TRUE, if user had an open dataset before connection

breakdown. FALSE, otherwise.

OpenTransaction

: WordBool;

//Returns TRUE, if user was inside a transaction before connection

breakdown. FALSE, otherwise.

var Status

: OleVariant); safecall;

//Status = 0, if Reconnect

successful. Status <> 0 otherwise.

Description: Attempts to reconnect to a host, if connection was abruptly interrupted.

Opening Connections to Host

function Login

(HostName

: PChar;

//Host the connection targets

ServerAddr

: PChar;

I/IP address of the application server where the host is running

UserName

: PChar;

//User name security credential

Password

: PChar;

//Password security credential

Port

: WORD:

//The IP Port being utilized to make the call

SourcelD

: PChar = NIL):LongWord; stdcall

//Client's SourceID. Comprised of

the user credentials.

Description: This function is used to establish a connection with the Host. Connection may fail if the Host Name provided is wrong or the port settings do not match between the client and the Host. Connection may also be denied if the User Name,

Password and SourceID are not valid.

Returns:

If connection is established, Host is found and the User Name, Password, SourceID of the client is verified then it

returns a ClientID that is a unique identifier for the UserName, otherwise it returns 0.

Example in PASCAL:

StrCopy(Hostname, 'TEST');

StrCopy(HostAddr, '111.111.111.111');

StrCopy(Username, 'Bob'); StrCopy(Password, '1234'); StrCopy(SourceID, 'Metilinx');

Poort:=1024;

ClientID:=Login(Hostname,HostAddress,Username,Password,

Pport, SourceID);

The above example connects the user "Bob" to the Host "TEST" running at IP address "111.111.111.111".

function LoginEx

(HostName

: PChar;

//Host the connection targets

ServerAddr : PChar; : PChar. //IP address of the application server where the host is running

UserName Password : PChar: : PChar: LoginError

//User name security credential //Password security credential

//Contains an error message if there is one

Port

: WORD;

// The IP Port being utilized to

make the call

SourcelD

: PChar = NIL):LongWord; stdcall

//Client's SourceID. Comprised of

the user credentials.

Description: This function is used to establish a connection with the Host the same way as "function Login" except that this function also returns the error message if any resulting from the connection attempt. The connection may fail if the HostName provided is wrong or the port settings do not match between the client and the Host. Connection may also be denied if the UserName, Password and SourceID are not valid.

Returns:

If connection is established, Host is found and the User Name, Password of the client is verified. Then it returns a ClientID that is a unique identifier for the UserName, otherwise it returns 0.

Example in PASCAL:

StrCopy(Hostname, 'TEST');

StrCopy(HostAddr, '111.111.111.111');

StrCopy(Username, 'Bob'); StrCopy(Password, '1234'); GetMem(LError, 1024); StrCopy(SourceID, 'Metilinx'); Pport:=1024; ClientID:=Login(Hostname,HostAddress,Username,Password, LError Pport,SourceID);

The above example connects the user "Bob" to the Host "TEST" running at IP address "111.111.111". If login is unsuccessful, a null terminated string containing an error message is returned in LError.

function LoginTLO

(var HostName

: PChar;

//Name of the Host the connection targets

ServerAddr

: PChar;

//IP address of the

application server where

the host is running

out Port

: WORD:

//The IP Port being utilized to make the

function call

UserName

: PChar;

//User name security

credential

Password

: PChar;

//Password security

credential

SourcelD

: PChar = NIL):LongWord;stdcall

//Client's SourceID. Comprised of the user

credentials.

Description: This function is used to request a TLO to open a connection to a host. Depending on the current TLO information, an

equivalent host will be selected and a connection will be opened.

Returns:

If connection is established, Host is found and the User Name, Password of the client is verified. After this it returns a

ClientID that is a unique identifier for the UserName, otherwise it returns 0.

Example in PASCAL:

StrCopy(Hostname, TEST');

StrCopy(HostAddr, '111.111.111.111');

StrCopy(Username, 'Bob'); StrCopy(Password, '1234'); StrCopy(SourceID, 'Metilinx');

ClientID:=LoginTLO(Hostname, HostAddress, Username, Password,

Pport, SourceID);

The above example requests a TLO object running at "111.111.111" to open a connection to a host equivalent to "TEST" using the credential of user "Bob".

function Reconnect

(HostName

: PChar;

//Host the connection

targets

ServerAddr

: PChar;

I/IP address of the application server

where the host is

running

UserName

: PChar;

//User name security

credential

Password

: PChar;

//Password security

credential

Port

: WORD;

//The IP Port being

out OpenDataset

: WORDBool

utilized to make the call Returns TRUE, if user

has an open dataset before connection breakdown. FALSE,

otherwise.

OpenTransaction

: WORDBool):LongWord;stdcall Returns TRUE, if user was inside a transaction before connection breakdown. FALSE, otherwise.

Description: Attempts to reconnect connection to host, if connection is abruptly interrupted.

Returns:

ClientID (<> 0), if reconnection was successful.

Example in PASCAL:

StrCopy(Hostname, TEST');

StrCopy(Hostnane, 1ES1'),
StrCopy(Hostnane, 111.111.111.111');
StrCopy(Username, 'Bob');
StrCopy(Password, '1234');
Pport:=1024;
ClientID:=Reconnect(Hostname, HostAddress, Username, Password,

Pport, OpenDataset, OpenTransaction);

The above example attempts to reconnect user "Bob" to host "TEST".

Member Descriptor

A member descriptor is a five-element array of variant that describes a member (function or property) of an object, including parameters and result, if needed. Use it to specify member calls and marshal results when remotely invoking.

MemberDescriptor: Variant containing a one dimensional array of Variant with 5 elements where:

MemberDescriptor [0]: Name of the interface the member belongs to. If the member name is a nested

reference using dot notation, this element refers to the interface containing the first

property from the left.

MemberDescriptor [1]: Name of the member to invoke. Nested references to members (using dot notation)

allowed

MemberDescriptor [2]: Flags describing the invocation context. as follows:

FLAG NAME	FLAG VALUE	DESCRIPTION
INVOKE_FUNC	1	The member is invoked as a method.
INVOKE_PROPERTYGET	2	The member is retrieved as a property or data member
INVOKE_PROPERTYPUT	4	The member is set as a property or data member
INVOKE_PROPERTYPUTREF	8	The member is set by a reference assignment, rather than a value assignment. This flag is valid only when the property accepts a reference to an object.

MemberDescriptor [3]: ParamLst, one dimensional array of Variant with 4 elements describing the parameter

list.

ParamLst[0]: Number of parameters the member takes.

ParamLst[1]: Numer of named parameters

ParamLst[2]: VarArray with as many elements as parameters the member takes.

Parameter matching is made from left to right. Values for input parameters must be set prior invocation. Type matching between array

elements and parameters is responsibility of the caller.

ParamLst[3]: Array of named parameters. See examples of how to define the

Parameter List.

MemberDescriptor [4]: Variant where the result is marshaled back to the caller, or NULL if the caller expects

no result. This argument is ignored if INVOKE_PROPERTYPUT or

INVOKE_PROPERTYPUTREF is specified.

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- 1. On the Start menu, point to Settings, and then select Control Panel.
- 2. Double-click on the Add/Remove Programs icon.
- 3. Click the Install/Uninstall tab.
- 4. From the list of programs that Windows can remove, select iManager 2.2.
- 5 Click Add/Remove
- 6. At the prompt, click Yes to confirm that you want to remove the MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2 program.

Note:

You may safely respond Yes to All when the uninstall program prompts you to confirm the removal of the following files located in C:\ProgramFiles\Common \MetiLinx\MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2:

Procdata.dll

Sysdata.dll

MetilinxObject.dll

Msscript.ocx

QueryObject.exe

To Install MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2

- 1. Close all programs, including virus-checking programs.
- 2. On the Start menu, select Run.
- 3. Click Browse to locate your Download folder.
- 4. Type or select the file name metilinxenterprise2.2.exe, and then click Open to run the file.
- 5. Follow the instructions of the InstallShield Wizard.
 - Choose Destination Folder
 By default, iManager 2.2 is installed in C:\Program Files\WetiLinx\WetiLinx Enterprise 2.2.
 - Select Program Folder
 By default, the program folder is MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2.

Note:

You must have full Administrator rights to the local machine.

You are now ready to create the iManager administrative database.

Additional Topics:

To create the iManager administrative database using SQL Server 7

To create the iManager administrative database using Oracle 8i

Proprietary User

Create a unique iManager user login ID. Select Administrator to enable administrative access to iManager. Access to the iManager program is restricted to administrators.

User Name

Actual name of the user. Can be the same as the

User ID.

User ID

Actual user login ID. User IDs are limited to 20

alpha-numeric characters, with the first character

restricted to a letter.

Password

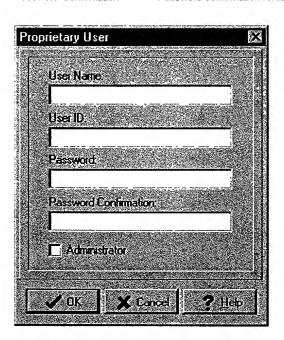
Password for login ID. Passwords are limited to

20 alpha-numeric characters, with the first

character restricted to a letter.

Password Confirmation

Password confirmation for login ID.



Prototype of the interface IDataLoadObject

procedure getDataServers

(const Host

: WideString;

ClientID

: OleVariant;

out DataServerList

: OleVariant); safecall;

procedure getConnStrings

(const Host

: WideString;

ClientID

: OleVariant;

out ConnStrList

: OleVariant); safecall;

procedure closeADOconn

(ConnID

: OleVariant); safecall;

procedure openADOconn

(ConnID

: OleVariant;

out ConnADO

: OleVariant;

ConnOpenedID

: OleVariant); safecall;

ProcessCommand

(CmdlD

: LongWord;

// = 1 (to pull the data servers list)

const CmdStr

: WideString;

// = <Host name>;<ClientID>

Example: CmdStr = 'Host1;1277608648'

CmdInfo

: OleVariant;

var CmdResult

: OleVariant); safecall

//A two dimensional array with the data

servers information

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

ProcessCommand

(CmdID

: LongWord;

// = 2 (to pull the connection string list)

const CmdStr

: WideString;

// = <Host name>;<ClientID>

CmdInfo

: OleVariant;

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var CmdResult

: OleVariant); safecall

// A two dimensional array with the data

servers information

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

ProcessCommand

(CmdID

: LongWord;

// = 3 (to open an ADO connection using a

connection ID)

const CmdStr

: WideString;

// <ConnectionID>

CmdInfo var CmdResult

: OleVariant;

. Ore variant,

: OleVariant); safecall;

// A two dimensional array containing the

ADO connection object and a

connection-opened-ID.

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

ProcessCommand

(CmdID

: LongWord;

// = 4 (close a currently open connection)

const CmdStr

: WideString;

// = <ConnectionOpenedID>

CmdInfo

: OleVariant:

nt:

//

var CmdResult

: OleVariant); safecall; // = No values returned

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

Note

Please observe the parameter differences when using different CmdID values.

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ClientID

: OleVariant;

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: OleVariant;

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: OleVariant); safecall;

procedure closeADOconn

(ConnID

: OleVariant); safecall;

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(ConnID

: OleVariant:

out ConnADO

: OleVariant;

ConnOpenedID

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: LongWord;

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// = <Host name>;<ClientID>

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CmdInfo

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const CmdStr

: WideString;

// = <Host name>;<ClientID>

Cmdinfo

: OleVariant;

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var CmdResult

: OleVariant); safecall

// A two dimensional array with the data

servers information

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ProcessCommand

(CmdID

: LongWord;

// = 3 (to open an ADO connection using a

// A two dimensional array containing the

connection (D)

const CmdStr

: WideString;

// <ConnectionID>

CmdInfo var CmdResult : OleVariant;

: OleVariant);

safecall;

ADO connection object and a

connection-opened-ID.

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function.

ProcessCommand

(CmdID

: LongWord;

// = 4 (close a currently open connection)

const CrndStr

: WideString;

// = <ConnectionOpenedID>

CmdInfo

: OleVariant;

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var CmdResult

: OleVariant);

// = No values returned

safecall;

Description: This additional object also implements the interface IMetilinx, which is accessible through the function. **Note:**

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Using SQL Server 7

If you are using SQL Server 7 as your Database Management System (DBMS), then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

To create the administrative database

- 1. At the iManager Developer 2.2 Configuration window, select Microsoft SQL Server, then click Next.
- 2. Click Edit Connection String to create the ADO connection string.
- 3. Click the Provider tab, and select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server.
- 4. Click Next.
- Click the Connection tab, and select or enter a name in the Server Name box.
- Enter a Username (typically, SA) and Password. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.

Note:

Do not complete Step 3 of the Connection tab. If you do, you will receive error messages because the administrative database does not yet exist.

- 8. Click OK to test the connection object.
- 9. Enter the Username and Password you previously indicated.
- 10. Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database.
- 11. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 12. Enter a Name, for example, MetiLinx, for the new iManager administrative database.
- 13. Click Run All to create the database.

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Removing Connections from a Host

iManager allows administrators to remove host connections. Removing a host connection, however, does not delete the connection from the Object Repository.

- 1. Expand the Hosts folder, and then expand the folder of the host to which you wish to modify the security of a connection.
- 2. In the right pane, right-click the connection, and then click Remove Connection.
 - Click the connection, and then click the Remove Connection button on the toolbar.
- 3. In the iManager Message dialog box, click OK to confirm the deletion.

-or-

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MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 supports the *IDispatch* interface to enable developers working in scripting languages, such as VBScript and JScript, to access the iManager Repository components.

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The RepositoryInfo Interface

This object implements an interface named IRepositoryInfo that contains the following methods:

HRESULT_stdcall GetComObjectList([out, retval] VARIANT * COMObjList)

HRESULT _stdcall GetScriptList([out, retval] VARIANT * ScriptList)

HRESULT_stdcall GetObjectInfo([in] BSTR ProgID, [out, retval] VARIANT * ObjectInfo)

HRESULT_stdcall IsInRepository([in] BSTR ProgID, [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL * ResultIs

HRESULT_stdcall IsAssigned([in] VARIANT Msgld, [out] VARIANT * Owner, [out] VARIANT * Ownerld, [out, retval]
VARIANT_BOOL * Resultifs)

Using these methods, callers can obtain information about the contents and settings of the Repository.

GetComObjectList([out, retval] VARIANT * COMObjList)

GetComObjectList returns a list of all COM-objects contained in the Repository. The resulting data has the following structure:

- COMObjList is a one-dimensional zero-based varArray containing as many positions as objects are in the repository.
- Each position in the array (ObjInfo) is again a one-dimensional zero-based varArray with 5 positions, defined as follows:

Objinfo[0]:

Contains the ObjID assigned to this object.

Objinfo [1]:

Contains the Programmatic ID of the object as WideString.

Objinfo [2]:

Contains the Description associated to the object as WideString.

ObjInfo [3]:

Contains the Category the object belongs to as WideString. There are currently two possible

categories: "COM Object" and "Intelligence Object".

Objinfo [4]:

When the Category is "Intelligence Object", it contains a one-dimensional zero-based varArray with a list of Message IDs associated to this object. Unassigned, if the Category is

"COM Object".

- If there are no objects in the Repository, COMObjList will return NULL.
- If errors occur while accessing the Repository, the return value will be -20010 (error accessing admin database).

GetScriptList([out, retval] VARIANT * ScriptList)

GetScriptList returns a list of all scripts contained in the Repository. The resulting data has the following structure:

- ScriptList is a one-dimensional zero-based varArray containing as many positions as scripts are in the repository.
- Each position in the array (ScriptDesc) is again a one-dimensional zero-based varArray with 5 positions, defined as follows:

ObjDesc[0]:

Contains the ScriptID assigned to this script.

ObiDesc[1]:

Contains the Description associated to the script as WideString.

ObjDesc[2]:

Contains the Category the script belongs to as WideString. There are currently two possible categories: "Generic Script" and "Marshalling Script".

ObjDesc[3]:

When the Category is "Marshalling Script", it contains a one-dimensional zero-based varArray with a list of Obj IDs associated to this script. Unassigned, if the Category is

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GetObjectInfo([in] BSTR ProgID, [out, retval] VARIANT * ObjectInfo)

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- ObjectInfo is a one-dimensional zero-based varArray containing as many positions as objects are in the repository with the corresponding Programmatic ID.
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IsInRepository([in] BSTR ProgID, [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL * ResultIs)

IsInRepository returns TRUE, if there is at least one COM-object in the Repository, whose Programmatic Id is ProgID. FALSE is returned otherwise.

IsAssigned([in] VARIANT Msgld, [out] VARIANT * Owner, [out] VARIANT * Ownerld, [out, retval] VARIANT_BOOL *
ResultIs)

Is Assigned returns TRUE, Msgld is assigned to some COM-object or Script from the Repository. In this case, the identity of the owner is described through Owner ("Object" or "Script") and the OwnerID (ObjId or ScriptId). FALSE is returned otherwise.

The IMetiLinx interface implementation for this object is as follows:

CmdId Method Invoked (using CmdStr and CmdResult) CmdResult = GetComObjectList

- 1 | Cinuxesun Gercomonjea
- 2 | CmdResult = GetScriptList
- 3 CmdResult = GetObjectInfo(CmdStr)
- 4 | CmdResult = IsInRepository(CmdStr)
- 5 | Res = IsAssigned(CmdStr,Owner,OwnerId) | CmdResult = VarArrayOfi[[Res,Owner,OwnerId]]

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Script Messages

Marshalling script actions are identified by Command ID numbers. Duplication of these ID numbers can occur within other scripts and objects, and are often associated to different actions. To manage such duplication among scripts, iManager provides an system of identification that allows developers to assign unique message IDs to script actions, while maintaining the development team's proprietary or legacy numbering system.

Message ID

Number (DWORD) associated to an alert

definition.

Command ID

Unique identifier (DWORD) of a command.

ImUserMsgID

A hexidecimal constant (0x80000001) added to the Message ID to create a unique hexideciaml number that maps to the Command ID.

How the message mapping works

Given:

Message ID

=3 =6

Command ID

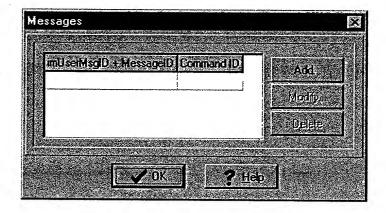
Result:

ImUserMsgID (0x80000001) + Message ID (3) = (0x80000004) and maps to Command ID 6 for the script.

To map command IDs

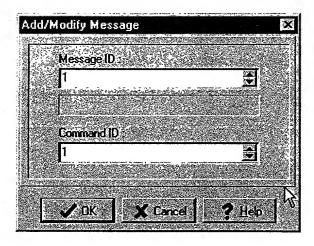
- 1. Select the object you want to add a message ID to in Scripts, located under Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Script Messages.

iManager opens the Messages dialog box.



3. Click Add,

iManager opens the Add/Modify Message dialog box.



4. Type a number in the Message ID box to create the unique ID.

An error message appears if the number selected is already in use.

- 5. Type the Message number used in the script.
- 6. Click OK.

Repeat the above steps for additional messages.

What's New with MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2

MetiLinx Enterprise 2.1 has branched out to MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 (iManager) and MetiLinx iSystem Enterprise 2.2 (iSystem). iManager is a development tool that aids developers in building e-business systems. These systems subsequently inherit the MetiLinx optimization technology. This release of iManager delivers a broad range of object support and management in an open environment.

✓ Dual interface support for scripting languages

MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 supports the *IDispatch* interface to enable developers working in scripting languages, such as VBScript and JScript, to access the iManager Repository components.

✓ New! Script Editor

The new Script Editor offers basic editing support, enabling developers to edit code from generic and marshalling scripts.

✓ Enhanced remote COM management

With MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2, MetiLinx continues to build and expand upon the remote COM management functionality and open environment of MetiLinx Enterprise 2.1. Enhanced features include:

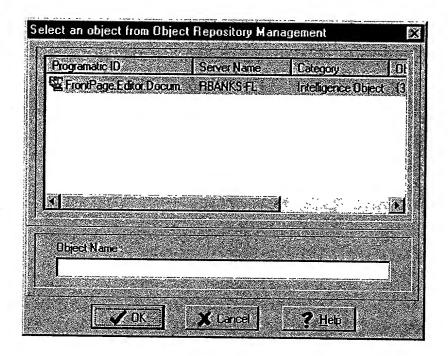
- Improved object streaming
 - Enables remote object handling without the need to register the client
 - o Promotes code efficiency
 - Supports local and remote calling on client
- · Object repository management
- Access to host-level information, such as, connection objects, repository objects, and user connections.

Select an Object from Object Repository

Select an object to add to the marshalling script.

Object Name

Use this metaname in the marshalling script code to refer to an instance of this object.



Configuring iManager: Select iManager Administrative Database

The iManager Developer 2.2 (iManager) installation process includes configuring the administrative database that supports iManager. This database maintains all information regarding the hosts, connection objects, COM objects, scripts, and users. iManager currently supports SQL Server 7 and Oracle 8i for the administrative database.

Select User ID

To add user access to a connection, select a user ID.

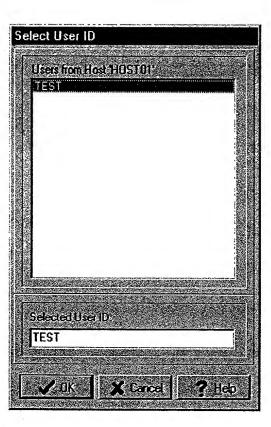
Users from Host <host>

List of user IDs available for selection. If none appear, than none are available. Consider adding additional host user IDs from the global users.

Selected User ID

The ID selected from the list. Click OK to enter user authentication information for database

access.



Select Users for this Host

Import selected

Click this button to import the IDs manually

selected.

Invert selection

Click this button to deselect the manually selected

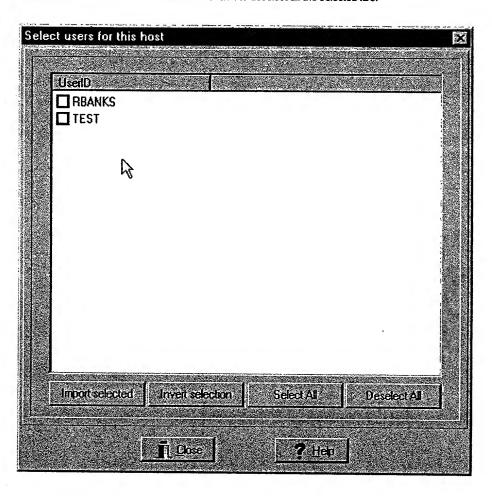
IDs

Select All

Click this button to select all the IDs listed.

Deselect All

Click this button to deselect all the selected IDs.



Select Users/Groups of this External Source

- Click Groups or Users in the list on the left pane.
- Check the Users or Groups you want like to import in to iManager.
- 3. Click Import selected to proceed with the import process.

If errors occur during the importing process, check the USERS.LOG, located in the MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2 directory, for error descriptions.

4. When the import process is complete, click Close.

Note

Imported User IDs and passwords are not modifiable in iManager. You can, however, change the User Name and assign administrator rights to User IDs. All options are available in the Proprietary users dialog box.

Import selected

Click this button to import the IDs manually

selected.

Invert selection

Click this button to deselect the manually selected

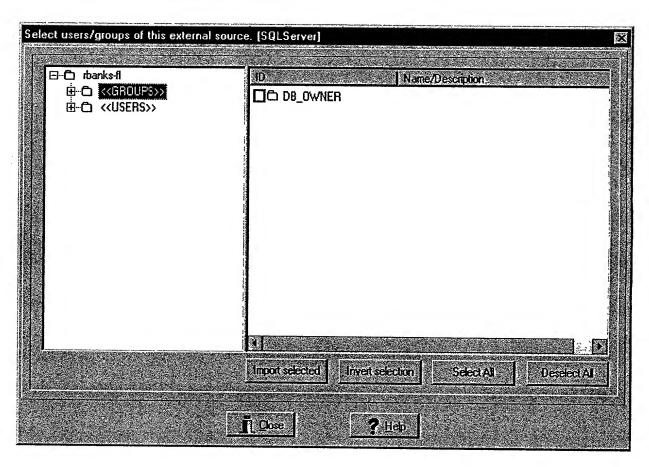
IDs.

Select All

Click this button to select all the IDs listed.

Deselect All

Click this button to deselect all the selected IDs.



Sending Messages to a Host

procedure Execute

(var MsglD

: OleVariant;

// The message identifier that is to be

var Command

: OleVariant;

//Contains the command data

var Res

: OleVariant); safecall

//Returns the result data as an OLE

object. Res = TRUE, Execute successful, Res = FALSE otherwise.

Description: Function used for executing SQL command that does not return a result set.

procedure GetData

(const Command : OleVariant;

//Contains the command data

var data

: OleVariant;

//Returns the result data as an OLE

object

Status

: OleVariant); safecall

//Status = 0, if GetData successful.

Description: Use GetData to access one or more tables in a data store using SQL statements, retrieve data from

tables in data store using SELECT statements.

Sending Messages to a Host

function SendMsg

(var MsqlD : Longint;

//Returns imDone (0), if action was successfully executed. Otherwise, error message ids

are returned.

var

: Longint;

//Client the message is sent from

ClientID

var Msg

: PChar) : WordBool; stdcall; export;

//Returns the result data in string format. Records are separated

by CRLF and fields are separated by TAB character.

Description: This function sends and receives messages between the client and the Host. It does not return a result until an answer

message is received or the message has timed-out.

After a call to this function, the client will wait for the Host to perform the requested action and then return a result. Actions, like updates, that do not require an explicit answer will receive a payload describing the number of rows

affected by the operation.

Returns:

If message is sent and an answer is received it returns TRUE, otherwise it returns FALSE.

Example in PASCAL:

BufferStr := 'Select GetDate()'; StrPCopy(Buffer , BufferStr); MsgID:=imGetSQLInfo;

If SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer) then

CurrentDT := StrToDateTime(Copy(Buffer, 1, Pos(#9, Buffer) -1));

The above example returns the date and time value on the server.

function SendMsgB

(var MsgID : Longint;

//Returns imDone (0), if action

was successfully executed. Otherwise, error message ids

are returned.

ClientID

: Longint;

// Client the message is sent

from

var Msg

: PChar;

//Returns the result data in

binary format.

varSize

: Longint): WordBool; stdcall; export;

//Returns the size of the data

refurned

Description: This function sends and receives messages between the client and the Host. The host returns data in binary format.

This is useful when sending and receiving a blob or image field. It does not return until an answer message is

received or the message has timed-out.

Returns:

If message is sent and an answer is received it returns TRUE, otherwise it returns FALSE.

Example in PASCAL:

BufferStr := "Select BMP From Animals Where Name = "Boa"";

StrPCopy(Buffer, BufferStr);

Size:= StrLen(Buffer); MsglD:=imGetBinaryInfo;

SendMsgB(MsgID, ClientID, Buffer Size);

The above example will get a blob field from the table "Animals".

function SendMsgOLE

(var MsgID

: LongWord;

//Returns imDone (0),

if action was successfully executed. Otherwise, error message ids are returned.

var ClientID

: LongWord;

// Client the message is sent from

var Msg

: WideString;

//Returns the result

data.

var

: OLEVariant): WordBool; stdcall; export;

//Returns data as OLE object.

OLEResult

Description: This function sends and receives messages between client and host. The host returns data in Variant format (like Recordsets).

Returns:

If message is sent and an answer is received it returns TRUE, otherwise it returns FALSE.

Example in PASCAL:

BufferStr := 'Select * From Animals Where Name = "Boa";

MsgID:=imGetOLEData;

SendMsgB(MsgID, ClientID, Buffer, VarResult);

The above example retrieves a record from the table "Animals" in the form of a Recordset object.

Setup Files

To download MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 from the MetiLinx Web site, you must register and agree to the License Terms of the Software License Agreement MetiLinx, Inc. grants. Download the file, MetiLinxEnterprise2.2.exe, to the Download directory.

Tip:

Be sure to carefully read the License Terms of the Software License Agreement. MetiLinx, Inc. grants the following licenses for the use of MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2:

- 30-Day Evaluation
- Development
- Enterprise

Evaluation use of the software begins upon downloading the software and precisely ends 30 days, thereafter.

Server Software Requirements

- Windows® 2000 Server or Windows 2000 Advanced Server
- Windows NT Server 4.0 or Windows NT Server 4.0 Enterprise Edition
 - 1. Service Pack 6
 - 2. Windows NT 4.0 Option Pack
- Active Directory Service Interfaces (ADSI) (Included with Windows 2000)
- Windows NT Workstation 4.0 (recommended for only evaluation purposes)
- LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) 2.0
- Microsoft SQL Server™ 7.0
- Oracle 8/®
- Or any OLE DB or ODBC-compliant database management system

Using SQL Server 7

If you are using SQL Server 7 as your Database Management System (DBMS), then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

To create the administrative database

- 1. At the iManager Developer 2.2 Configuration window, select Microsoft SQL Server, then click Next.
- 2. Click Edit Connection String to create the ADO connection string.
- 3. Click the Provider tab, and select Microsoft OLE DB Provider for SQL Server.
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Click the Connection tab, and select or enter a name in the Server Name box.
- Enter a Username (typically, SA) and Password. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 7. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.

Note:

Do not complete Step 3 of the Connection tab. If you do, you will receive error messages because the administrative database does not yet exist.

- 8. Click OK to test the connection object.
- 9. Enter the Username and Password you previously indicated.
- 10. Select the Create New User check box to create a separate administrative account to administrate the iManager database.
- 11. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 12. Enter a Name, for example, MetiLinx, for the new iManager administrative database.
- Click Run All to create the database.

Once the installation process builds the administrative database, it is complete.

Note:

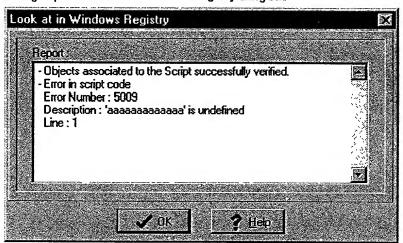
Do not edit the connection string. The only time the connection string is altered, is when you reinstall the application. When you do, a new database overwrites the previous administrative database.

Verifying a Script

iManager's script editor enables developers to verify script code.

- 1. Select the script want to verify.
- 2. Click Action | Verify Script.

iManager opens the Look at in Windows Registry dialog box.



3. The script is immediately checked and a report displayed.

Verifying a User Logon

Administrators can verify a user ID logon from within either the Host Users folder or the Users folder.

To verify a user logon

- 1. Click the Host or Host Users folder.
- 2. In the right pane, right-click the user ID; then click Verify Logon.
- 3. Type the corresponding parameters for each box.

Note:

You can view the user ID Source Name from the Users folder by expanding the iManager window.

Viewing all Scripts

To clear the filters and view all the scripts

- 1. Click Scripts located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | View all the scripts.

The display filters change dynamically.

Viewing all the COM Objects

To clear the filters and view all the COM objects

- 1. Click COM Objects located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click on Action | View all the COM objects.

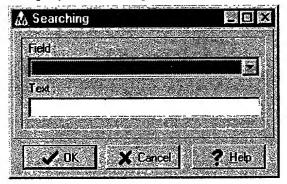
The display filters change dynamically.

Viewing Objects

To Filter Objects

- 1. Click COM Objects located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Filter Objects.

iManager opens the Searching window.



3. Select or type a Field to narrow your search.

If your search is unsuccessful, the "No object matches your query" message appears and the display does change. Otherwise, the display filters change dynamically.

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- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Click the Connection tab, and select or enter a name in the Server Name box.
- Enter a Username (typically, SA) and Password. (Verify the type of security SQL Server uses—Windows NT Only (Integrated) or SQL Server and NT.)
- 7. Click OK then click OK, again, at the Create Connection Object window.

Note:

Do not complete Step 3 of the Connection tab. If you do, you will receive error messages because the administrative database does not yet exist.

- 8. Click OK to test the connection object.
- 9. Enter the Username and Password you previously indicated.
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- 11. Enter a Username and Password, confirm the password, and then click Next.
- 12. Enter a Name, for example, MetiLinx, for the new iManager administrative database.
- 13. Click Run All to create the database.

Once the installation process builds the administrative database, it is complete.

Note:

Do not edit the connection string. The only time the connection string is altered, is when you reinstall the application. When you do, a new database overwrites the previous administrative database.

To Uninstall MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2

- 1. On the Start menu, point to Settings, and then select Control Panel.
- 2. Double-click on the Add/Remove Programs icon.
- Click the Install/Uninstall tab.
- 4. From the list of programs that Windows can remove, select iManager 2.2.
- 5. Click Add/Remove.
- At the prompt, click Yes to confirm that you want to remove the MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2 program.

Note:

You may safely respond Yes to All when the uninstall program prompts you to confirm the removal of the following files located in C:\ProgramFiles\Common \MetiLinx\MetiLinx\text{Enterprise 2.2:}

Procdata.dl

Sysdata.dll

MetilinxObject.dll

Msscript.ocx

QueryObject.exe

The Script Editor

One of the new enhancements to MetiLinx iManager Developer 2.2 is the Script Editor, a simple solution for editing script code. Use Script Editor much like other scripting editors. Below is a brief outline of basic instructions.

To open a file

- 1. On the File menu, click Open File.
- 2. If you want to open a document that was saved in a different folder, locate and open the folder.
- 3. Select the document you want to open and click Open.

To save a file

On the File menu, click Save File.

To save a file as

- 1. On the File menu, click Save File As.
- 2. If you want to save the document in a different folder, locate and open the folder.
- 3. In the File name box, type a name for the document.
- 4. Click Save.

To verify the script code

- 1. On the File menu, click Verify Script.
- 2. If the script code has syntax error, they are shown in a window of report.

To print a file

- 1. On the File menu, click Print.
- 2. Set the printing options you want.
- 3. Click OK.

To setup the printer

- 1. On the File menu, click Printer Setup.
- 2. Set the printer options you want.
- 3. Click OK.

To delete, cut, copy, and paste text

- To delete characters to the left of the insertion point, press the BACKSPACE key.
- To delete characters to the right of the insertion point, press the DELETE key.
- To delete words, select them, and then press the BACKSPACE or DELETE key.
- To cut text so you can move it to another location, select the text. Then, on the Edit menu, click Cut.
- To copy text so you can paste a copy of it in another location, select the text. Then, on the Edit menu, click Copy.
- To paste text you have cut or copied, place the insertion point where you want to paste the text. Then, on the Edit menu, click Paste.

To wrap text to the window size

On the Character menu, click Word Wrap.

Note:

Wrapping text enables you to see all the text on the line, but it doesn't affect the way text appears when it is printed.

To find specific characters or words

- 1. On the Tool menu, click Find Text.
- 2. In the Find What box, type the characters or words you want to find.
- 3. Click Find Next.

Adding Users to iManager

1. Right-click Hosts, then click Add New User/Proprietary.

2. Type a User Name, User ID, Password, and Password Confirmation.

(Optional) Check the Administrator box.

User Name

An optional descriptive name of the user that can be

the same as the User ID.

User ID

Required user login ID (20

character-alpha-numeric- maximum, first character

must be a letter).

Password

User ID password (20 character-alpha-numeric-

maximum, first character must be a letter).

Password Confirmation

Confirmation of User ID password.

Administrator

Select to give User ID administrative rights to manage iManager. iManager logon is restricted to

administrators

To Create the Oracle Database Using Mkoradb.exe

- 1. Open a command prompt at the database server.
- 2. Type c: or the drive letter where you installed iManager.
- 3. Type cd program files\metilinx\metilinx enterprise 2.2 or the directory path where you installed iManager.
- 4. Type.mkoradb DBID DBNAME password to run the batch file where the parameters represent the following usage:
 - DBID

A four-character database system identifier (SID) (4 character limit)

• DBNAME

The name of the database being created (8 character limit)

password user rights

The password for the Internal (or the first user) of the database. This user is granted super

5. To test the connection, type vaw internal/password@dbname at the command prompt.

Once the database constructor builds the administrative database and you have tested the connection, you may continue with configuring iManager.

Tip:

Use MTLX as the system (source) identifier and METILINX as the database name.

To Import Users from an External Source

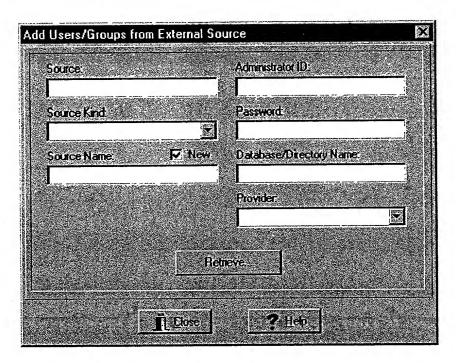
- 1. Right-click Hosts, then click Add New User/External Source.
- Type the corresponding information in each box. Follow the guidelines below.
- 3. Click Retrieve.

If your selections are accurate, iManager opens the Select users/groups of this external source dialog box.

- 4. Click Groups or Users in the list on the left pane.
- Check the Users or Groups you want like to import in to iManager.
- Click Import selected to proceed with the import process.

If errors occur during the importing process, check the USERS.LOG, located in the MetiLinx Enterprise 2.2 directory, for error descriptions.

7. When the import process is complete, click Close.



Source

The location from which the collection of user and user group information is taken. Enter the following source information based on the Source Visit

SQL Server

server name

WinNT

NT domain name

Oracle

service name

LDAP

server IP address

Source Kind

A code representation of the source program. Valid source kinds include:

WinNT (Windows NT Domain)

SQL Server and Oracle (Database Server)

LDAP (Server).

When the source kind is selected, the iManager automatically generates a new source name identifier. This identifier is modifiable.

Source Name A unique identifier for a source. The same as the

Source ID that is part of a user's authentication

credentials.

Select New to create a new source name.

iManager verifies that the name is unique. Do not check New if you want to use an existing source

name

Administrator ID The user ID that has administrative authority to

access the source.

Password The password for the administrator ID..

Database/Directory Name If necessary, depending on the kind of external

source, specify a database name (for database servers) or a directory to from which to retrieve

users and user groups information.

Provider Select the corresponding database access

provider or type a connection string.

Tip:

Specify only the corresponding source information indicated below:

Windows NT Source: Domain name or IP address

Source Kind: WinNT

Source Name: A unique identifier

LDAP Source: IP address of the LDAP server

Source Kind: LDAP

Source Name: A unique identifier

SQL Server Source: IP address of the SQL server

Source Kind: SQL Server Source Name: A unique identifier

Administrator ID: Sysadmin (sa) or an equivalent

administrator login. Verify type of SQL server security.

Database: Name of the database from which the

users and user groups are

being taken.

Provider: SQLOLEDB.1, the current Microsoft

OLE DB provider for SQL Server. Otherwise, use MSDASQL.1, the Microsoft OLE DB provider for ODBC

Oracle Source: The Oracle service name (Servername)

Source Kind: Oracle

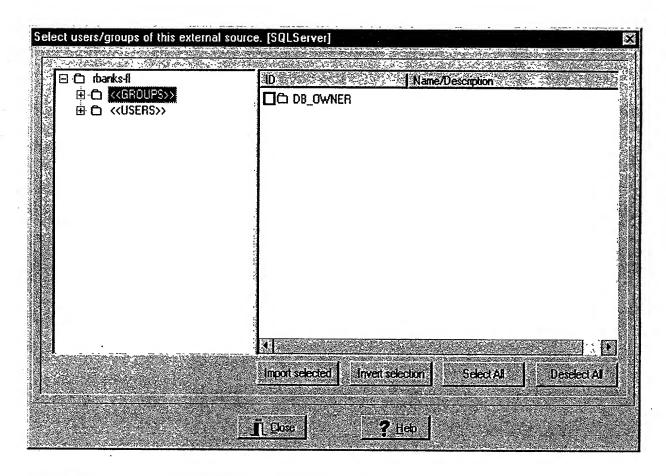
Source Name: A unique identifier

Administrator ID: Use Internal or an equivalent

administrator login.

Provider: MSDAORA,1 for the Microsoft OLE

DB provider for Oracle



Import selected Click this button to import the IDs manually selected. Invert selection Click this button to deselect the manually selected IDs.

Select All Click this button to select all the IDs listed.

Deselect All Click this button to deselect all the selected IDs.

Note:

Imported User IDs and passwords are not modifiable in iManager. You can, however, change the User Name and assign administrator rights to User IDs. All options are available in the Proprietary users dialog box.

To Modify a User in iManager

1. In the Hosts detail pane, right-click the User ID you want to modify, then click Modify User.

2. Type a User Name, User ID, Password, and Password Confirmation.

Source Name

The Source ID located in the Host detail panel.

User ID

User login ID.

Password

Password of User ID (20

character-alpha-numeric- maximum, first

character must be a letter).

Administrator

Select to give User ID administrative rights to manage iManager. iManager logon is restricted to

administrators.

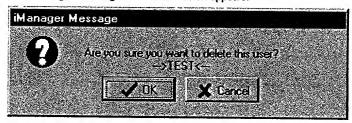
To Remove Users from iManager

All User IDs that are deleted from Users (located under MetiLinx Root) are permanently deleted from iManager. These IDs are automatically removed from Host Users.

To permanently remove a User ID from iManager

1. In Users, right-click the User ID you want to remove, and then Delete User.

The iManager Message confirmation below appears.



2. Click OK to proceed with the deletion.

To Verify a User's Logon

- 1. In the detail panel of Users, right-click the User ID you want to verify, and then click Verify Logon.
- 2. Type the Source Name, User ID, and Password.

Note:

View the Source Name (Source ID) in the Hosts detail pane. iManager does not display the Password. Passwords of imported User IDs cannot be changed in iManager.

User DB Access

User ID

Same User login ID selected from host

User Authentication for DB

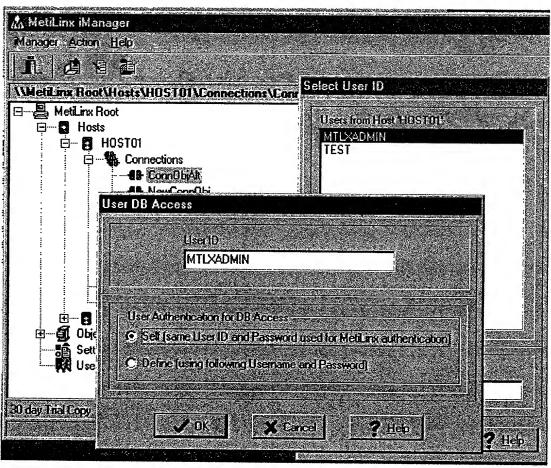
Access

Select Self to use the same user ID and password used for iManager authentication. The host connection object detail pane identifies the

specified user ID security as Self.

Username and Password for DB Access

Select Define to identify a separate username and password for database access. The host connection object detail pane identifies the specified user ID security as Yes.



User DB Access

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User DB Access with authentication defined

Update Messages

Message ID

imSQLUpdate

Message Number

\$00000201

Explanation

This message is used to perform standard SQL update queries like INSERT, DELETE and

UPDATE.

Required Payload

The standard query statement for the update to a database.

Payload Return

Number of rows affected.

Code Example

Buffer := 'Use UserDB Delete UserInfo Where Record_ID = 2';

(PASCAL)

MsgID:=imSQLUpdate;

SendMsg (MsgID, ClientID, Buffer);

Result

The above example deletes the record number 2 from the UserInfo table in the UserDB database.

Function Word

SendMsg

User Messages

Message ID

imUserMsg

Message Number

\$80000001

Explanation

This is the low bound delimiting iManager proprietary messages from user defined messages. User defined messages start at imUserMsg + 1. User defined messages are always sent using SendMsgOLE. At the host, these messages will be redirected to the broker for Business Rule Objects (BRO) instead of the database server. MsgIDs are associated with BROs within

iManager.

Required Payload

The request to be sent to the corresponding BRO as a wide string.

Payload Return

The resulting data as a Variant.

Code Example

MsgID:=imUserMsg + 1;

(PASCAL)

WString:='SELECT E22:F25';

SendMsgOLE(MsgID,ClientID,wString,VarResult);

Result

Data returned by the BRO after executing the command sent using its ProcessCommand interface

function.

Function Word

SendMsgOLE

The UserInfo Interface

This object implements an interface called IUserInfo containing the method:

HRESULT _stdcall GetUserList([in] BSTR Hostname, [out, retval] VARIANT * UserList);

Using this method, callers can get the list of users currently connected to a given host (described by Hostname). The list is returned in UserList and has the following structure:

- UserList is a one-dimensional zero-based varArray containing as many positions as users are currently connected to the host
- Each position is again a one-dimensional zero-based varArray (UserDesc) with 5 positions defined as follows:

UserDesc[0]:	Contains the Userld as WideString.
UserDesc[1]:	Contains the ClientID assigned to this user at connection time.
UserDesc[2]:	Contains the ConnectionId assigned to this connection.
UserDesc[3]:	Contains the client IP-Address as WideString.
UserDesc[4]:	Contains date and time of connection establishment as WindeString

- In case the host is not running, UserList returns NULL.
- If the host is running, but no users are connected, UserList returns Unassigned.

The IMetiLinx implementation for this object translates CmdId = 1 into a call to GetUserList, using CmdStr as Hostname and CmdResult as UserList. For other values of CmdID the object returns -20007 (error in parameters).

Using Oracle 8i

If you are using Oracle 8i as your DBMS, then follow these instructions to create the iManager administrative database.

Configuring iManager to use an Oracle database requires running the iManager Oracle Database Constructor (Mkoradb.exe) at the database server to simplify the database creation process. The batch file completes the following processes on the Oracle database server:

- · Creates and starts an Oracle instance
- · Creates a database associated with the instance
- · Adds the database to the listener file so it can accept client connections
- · Configures the client connection

Additional Topic:

To Create the Oracle Database using Mkoradb.exe

Member Descriptor

A member descriptor is a five-element array of variant that describes a member (function or property) of an object, including parameters and result, if needed. Use it to specify member calls and marshal results when remotely invoking.

MemberDescriptor: Variant containing a one dimensional array of Variant with 5 elements where:

MemberDescriptor [0]: Name of the interface the member belongs to. If the member name is a nested

reference using dot notation, this element refers to the interface containing the first

property from the left.

MemberDescriptor [1]: Name of the member to invoke. Nested references to members (using dot notation)

allowed.

MemberDescriptor [2]: Flags describing the invocation context. as follows:

FLAG NAME	FLAG VALUE	DESCRIPTION
INVOKE_FUNC	1	The member is invoked as a method.
INVOKE_PROPERTYGET	2	The member is retrieved as a property or data member
INVOKE_PROPERTYPUT	4	The member is set as a property or data member
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MemberDescriptor [1]: Name of the member to invoke. Nested references to members (using dot notation)

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MemberDescriptor [2]: Flags describing the invocation context. as follows:

FLAG NAME	FLAG VALUE	DESCRIPTION
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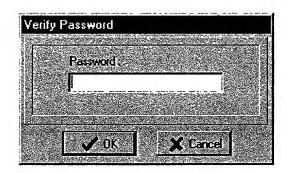
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Verify Password

Password

Confirm User Name password for database access.

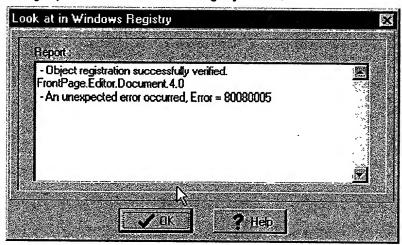


Verifying a COM Object

iManager enables developers to test COM objects for errors.

- 1. Select the COM Object you want to verify.
- 2. Click Action | Verify Object.

iManager opens the Look at in Windows Registry Window.



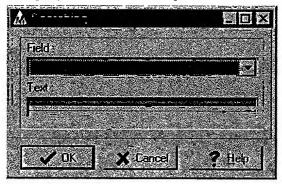
The object is immediately checked and a report is displayed.

Viewing Scripts

To Filter Scripts

- 1. Click Scripts located in Object Repository > Business Rules Objects.
- 2. Click Action | Filter Scripts.

iManager opens the Searching dialog box.



3. Select or type a Field to narrow your search.

If your search is unsuccessful, the "No object matches your query" message appears and the display does change. Otherwise, the display filters change dynamically.

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